

## SEMO FAIR TO HAVE MANY FREE STUNTS

The management of the Southeast Missouri District Fair has secured an unusually large number of good free attractions this year. Not content with getting a crowd out for the fireworks, the agricultural and home economics displays and the large carnival attractions, they have not spared either work or expense in free grandstand stunts.

To begin with, there is the boxing kangaroo, one of the most novel animal acts on the road. The Gordon Brothers own "Bob" and he is six feet of the largest, performingest, boxingest quadruped you ever saw. He has been trained in a prize ring and does three rounds with Joe Gordon every day. He actually stands on his tail in delivering one of his blows. He'll take your breath to look at him, so you will surely feel sorry for Joe, who bears the brunt of his battling, punching fists.

Then there is Frank Silvas, Spanish daredevil. No, not at bull-fighting, but something far more sensational. For he climbs to the peak of a 70-foot tapering steel pole and swings back and forth in a circle of death. He has performed before crowds in the principal cities of Europe. For years his was a leading act with Barnum-Bailey Ringling Bros. Circus.

But the stunt list would not be complete, if it did not include at least one contortion act. So at the Fair, there will be Bob and Olive Nelson, who do sensational stunts on a flying ladder.

On Wednesday and Thursday a large army dirigible, under Col. Pagelow, will be in the centerfield. This is a special concession to the management of the Fair by the officers at Scott Field. This great air giant will be anchored in the centerfield for visitors' inspection. It's a chance for you as well as the children to learn about the future modes of travel. Think of it, your great-grandfather thought flying was only for birds. Today it is almost as common as walking.

And of course, the automobile shows of almost every known make. And four Fords will be given away. And the Thearle-Duffield Fireworks every night. Oh yes, one of the fireworks creations is to be a burlesque on the autoist and his fears of a speed cop.

In fact, the list of free performances is so complete that visitors to Sikeston will need all eyes. Two ordinary human ones will not be enough. To see it all, everybody is advised to bring his spectacles. It will take four eyes and then some to take it all in.

## STORM INTERRUPTS ELECTRIC SERVICE SUNDAY

On Sunday night a severe lightning storm near Chaffee exploded insulators on the electric transmission line. This momentarily interrupted the lighting service several times, when finally it failed entirely until a supply could be received from Poplar Bluff and Charleston plants.

Electric company linemen patrolled the line in the rain storm which continued nearly all night, finally locating the trouble and making repairs about 3 o'clock the next morning.

## Morrison-Kizer

A wedding which came as a surprise to a large number of friends, was that of Miss Fleta Joe Kizer to Mr. Howard E. Morrison, which occurred at Jackson, Saturday, September 19. The young people will make their home with the groom's parents temporarily.

Mrs. Morrison is the attractive daughter of Mrs. W. A. Haman. She was educated in the Sikeston public school and attended the Cape Teachers' College. For the past three years she has taught at Fairview and other county schools.

Mr. Morrison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrison and has built up a large insurance and realty business in this section. He was graduated from the Sikeston High School and attended the University of Illinois during the student war training period.

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## PROGRAM PLANNED FOR D. A. R. FETE

An unusually good musical program, as well as good eats have been planned for the second annual Indian fete to be held by the local chapter of the D. A. R. Thursday evening, starting at 5:30. The patrons are urged to come prepared to buy their supper, as there will be booths of all kinds. Hamburgers, sandwiches, pie, coffee, cake, candy and other confectioneries are being provided for sale.

There will also be a fortune-telling booth, where secrets of the future will be revealed for a bit of silver.

The program will consist in general, of the following numbers:

Indian folk stories—Miss Helen Hess.

Vocal music—Miss Emma Morehead and Miss Ruth Wilkerson.

Piano selections—Miss Dorothy Lillard.

Violin numbers—Mrs. Carl Freeman.

Indian dance by children under the direction of Miss Lillard.

Music by an orchestra composed of Mrs. Freeman, Miss Irene Caldwell, Ray Hudson, Jean Hirschberg, Paul Slinkard, Herman Smith, Luke Baker and Mr. Jacobs, will be rendered during the evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event, which will be held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Malone.

The affair is arranged for the benefit of the organization's State educational fund.

## OFFICER CHARLES CLARK BURIED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Charles W. Clark, who was accidentally killed near the Frisco station Wednesday evening, were held at 3:30 Friday afternoon at the residence at Maud and Northwest St. The Rev. E. B. Hensley officiated and interment was in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Mr. Clark, who was born in Mexico, Mo., March 7, 1868, came to Sikeston when he was twenty-one years old and except for short periods had made his home here since. At three different times he served on the city police force. He was well-known as a good farmer. For the past three years he was keeper of the Fair Grounds, but last year spent three months in Florida. About a month ago, he was again employed by the city, this time as night patrolman.

At the time of his death all of Mr. Clark's relatives were away, Mrs. Clark being in St. Louis visiting her daughter. Besides his widow, four children survive him. He married Miss Emma Russell soon after coming to Sikeston. To this union were born Charles W. Clark, who died while in the United States army during the influenza epidemic, Ernest Clark of St. Louis, Mrs. Clara Shanks who died some years ago and Mrs. Coquella Jennings of Indianapolis. R. J. Clark of St. Louis survives him from his second marriage. The present Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Isabel Gossett of Big Prairie Township in New Madrid County. She has one daughter, Mrs. E. T. Pitman of St. Louis, with whom she plans to make her home.

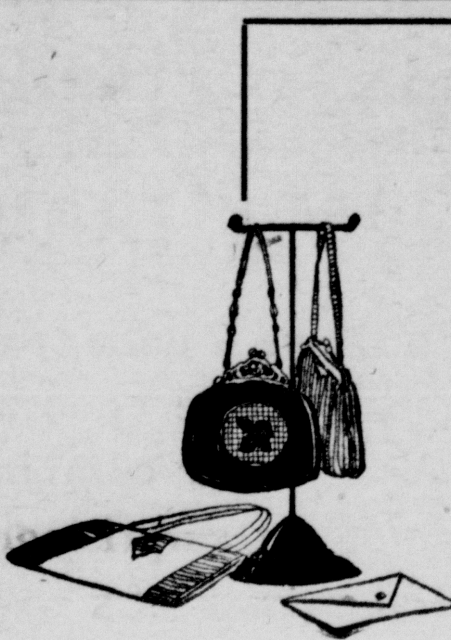
Other relatives who attended the funeral were a brother, James Clark and his son, Thomas Clark. Two brothers, one of Louisiana and one of Pocatamos, Ill., also survive.

## ST. LOUIS NEGRO FINED FOR STEALING CLOTHING

A clean shirt and a pair of trousers were too big a temptation for Charles Bradley, St. Louis negro, who came here recently for cotton picking, and though he enjoyed the luxury of wearing them for a few hours he was arrested and fined in Judge W. S. Smith's court Friday, after he had appropriated them.

Bradley went to the home of Chas. S. Tanner on Tanner Street, Friday and asked for work. A negro woman in the kitchen later missed the clothing from the fresh laundry in the laundry house and fearing that she would be held responsible for them, came to town, found them and had him arrested.

Mrs. Alfred Sikes, Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mrs. J. S. Keil and Mrs. Paul Anderson spent Monday in Cape Girardeau.



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Orlando Arthur left Monday for Chicago for a week.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and sons, who went to San Diego, Calif., some weeks ago, are expected home Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur De Schmidt of Oshkosh, Wis., are here to spend the week with Mrs. De Schmidt's mother, Mrs. J. B. Randol. They drove down in their auto.

Miss Bonnie Keith was hostess to a few friends at dinner Sunday evening at East Prairie. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman, Miss Ruth Wilkerson, John Fox and Jules Taylor.

Much complaint is heard from some of our smaller cotton raisers on account of bidding up the price of cotton pickers by cotton raisers, who are more fortunate financially. It looks like some reasonable price for cotton picking in Southeast Missouri should be arrived at and no more paid. When a man pays more than \$1.50 per cwt. for picking cotton, he can make but little profit after other expenses are deducted. The same condition existed last season and the Golden Rule was thrown to the winds when it came to taking their neighbors' cotton pickers away from them.

## Cullen-White

The marriage of Miss Kate Cullen, sister of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, to Mr. J. Raymond White, was solemnized in Washington, D. C., at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 22. They will make their home in Washington after a trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. White is chief of the Sixth Auditors' office of the Treasury Department. Mrs. White is the oldest sister of Mrs. Blanton and has visited in Missouri.

Tom Frank, of Detroit, who has been visiting his son here, has been ill since Thursday.

John Twitty, out on the Phil Gervig farm southwest of Sikeston, has 125 acres of exceptionally good corn that is estimated to make 50 bushels or better to the acre. Thirty-five acres of cotton read to pick is also on this farm.

Jeff Spelling, colored, was picked up by Officer King for driving a car without either license or light. A fine of \$1 and costs was assessed by Judge Smith. The same officer arrested Robert Moore, a white man, for being drunk. He was likewise fined \$1 and costs.

Mrs. F. S. Winford, Mrs. A. B. Skillman, Misses Thelma Shy and Helen Grojean drove to Charleston Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. P. Crowe, of Poplar Bluff, Miss Susie Hay and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown and son of Charleston, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mr. F. M. Sikes, Sunday.

Craven Watkins has begun to gather corn on the Watkins farm near Vanduser. A measured acre gave them around 70 bushels. They were surprised and pleased with their corn.

Since we are casting about for a new industry for Poplar Bluff, why not a farm planted to fig trees. No, honey, not for the fruit, but for the leaves. The Paris mode makers are responsible for the situation.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

County Agent Renner was in Monday morning and told of passing three automobiles parked along Kingshighway north of Sikeston with no lights fore nor aft. He said it was almost a miracle why he didn't hit one of the cars, as he pulled around one and almost into another one. He likewise thinks wagons at night should carry a light in order to let autoists know that someone was ahead.

## BULLDOGS PLAY FIRST GAME FRIDAY

Friday afternoon, September 25, at 3 p. m., the Sikeston High football team, alias the Bulldogs, venture into the first game of the 1925 season, when they stage a battle with the Chaffee eleven.

The Bulldogs have in the last three weeks, put in many hours of labor and are determined to do or be done.

From all reports to date, the opposing eleven are coming loaded for dog. In fact, Coach Meier of the Chaffee eleven, has developed a team to play the strongest in the country. But the Bulldogs can carry the banner to a big victory.

Capt. Trousdale says that he has a progressive team and only needs the support of Sikeston.

The following will probably make the line-up for Friday's game:

Backfield, R. Marshall, Capt. Trousdale, Fox and Smith; line, center, H. Marshall; guards, Keasler, Cantrell; tackles, Baker, Albright; ends, C. Marshall, I. Randolph. Substitutes: Miller, Reed, Mount, Baker.

As you see most of the above are letter men and will make a good showing this season.

Results of the league meeting: Sikeston did not join the league and under various condition have no games with Jackson or Cape Girardeau. The teams were divided into two sections, north and south, with highway No. 16 as the boundary.

It is believed that the championship will be between Sikeston and Charleston and be played on Turkey Day.

The support is asked of Sikeston for the Bulldogs.

## BODY OF FRED KAYLOR SHIPPED TO ILLINOIS

The body of Fred Kaylor, who died at his home on Taylor Ave. at 12 o'clock Saturday night after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia, was shipped to West Frankfort, Ill., Monday morning. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with interment at the Denning Cemetery.

Mr. Kaylor, with his family, has lived in Sikeston for little over a year. He is survived by his wife and four sons, the eldest of whom, Weldon Kaylor, lives at West Frankfort, where the entire family formerly resided.

Mr. Kaylor was 45 years old, having been born March 15, 1880. He was employed before his illness, at the Young Lumber Yard. He suffered from tuberculosis before his last illness.

## H. B. ST. CLAIR DIED LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Funeral services for Henry Butler St. Clair, who died at his home on Greer Avenue at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, were conducted by the Rev. Hebner at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment was in Memorial Park.

Mr. St. Clair, who was born January 30, 1875, has been ill for a long time of tuberculosis. Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ina St. Clair, Mrs. Barney Dubois and Mrs. Willie Thompson, all of Sikeston, one brother, who lives in Indianapolis and a sister in Illmo.

Mrs. Frank Van Horne and baby daughter returned from St. Louis on Sunday night.

The heavy rain of Sunday night was an unwelcome visitor in this section as cotton is open and ready for the pickers. The continued rains will greatly damage this staple.

Dr. J. H. Yount and Joe Stubbs drove to St. Louis Sunday, where Joe went for a consultation with a specialist. He has been in poor health for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henson are home from a two months' stay in Detroit. They enjoyed their visit to that city very much as well as the drive to and from in their auto. They report good roads all along.

Rev. T. B. Mather went to St. Louis Friday to meet Mrs. Mather and their baby, who have spent the summer in Michigan. Mrs. Mather and the little girl, who is entirely restored to health, will not return to Sikeston during the last two weeks before the conference meets.

## COUNCIL VOTES TO HOLD BOND ELECTION

The sanitary sewer system plans of the Berthe-Wilcox Engineering of St. Louis were accepted by the City Council at a special meeting Friday night and an election for the selling of \$82,000 city bonds was ordered advertised for October 20. This action of the Council at last puts the proposed sanitary sewer system on the list of actual city improvements.

The election will be advertised immediately as the bonds have to be voted on before any contract can be let. The city polls were designated as follows: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, Boyer's Garage; Ward 3, Superior Garage; Ward 4, E. C. Robinson Lbr. Co.

Officers for the election are:

Ward 1—Judges: Ranney Applegate and Harry Smith; Clerks, Mrs. John Fisher and Miss Abbie Morrison.

Ward 2—Judges: Harry Dover and Charles Hebbeler; Clerks, Mrs. Albert Shields and Mrs. F. H. Smith.

Ward 3—Judges: T. F. Henry and Lee Bowman; Clerks, Fred Schorle and Lyle Malone.

Ward 4—Judges: C. C. Buchanan and Earl Pate; Clerks, Mrs. Robert Mow and Mrs. J. M. Pitman.

At the request of a number of city taxi operators, the license fee was raised to \$25 payable by the year. Heretofore it has been \$20, payable each six months.

## FAMILY WIPED OUT AT GRADE CROSSING

Kennett, Sept. 18.—An entire family was wiped out in a grade crossing accident on the Frisco Railroad at Udora, Mo., three miles south of Kennett, at 9:22 o'clock this morning. The dead are:

Sam Phillips, 60, of Jacksonville, Ark.

Mrs. Maude Phillips, 38, his wife. Their two children, Harold, 17, and Ruth, 12.

Sam Phillips died in a Blytheville, Ark., hospital today. Mrs. Phillips died at noon in Blytheville. The boy was dead when he was picked up and the girl lived only a short time after the accident.

The tragedy did not occur at a blind crossing, the track being visible for a quarter of a mile on both sides.

Phillips, with his wife, daughter and son, as passengers, was driving a Ford car north. A wagon had stopped on one side of the track to wait for the on-coming passenger train, which was running late. A truck had halted on the other side. Yet, Phillips, according to reports of trainmen, deliberately drove around the wagon and onto the track. There were screams and a crash.

Harold Phillips was dead when members of the train crew hurried back to the crossing. His sister died as she reached Kennett. No member of the family was in condition to tell how the accident occurred.

From letters found in the wreckage of the Ford car the Phillips are thought to be cotton pickers who came to Missouri looking for work. Relatives live in Romeau, Mo., and Jacksonville, Ark., according to the letter, but efforts to locate them had been unavailing late today.

## M. L. PRESSON, 68, NEAR MOREHOUSE DIED SUNDAY

Martin Luther Presson, who lived between here and Morehouse, died at his home at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, after a short illness with cerebral apoplexy. Mr. Presson is survived by his wife and three brothers.

He was 68 years of age, having been born June 12, 1857.

Interment and services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Dogwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie Pile of Howard County, Mo., was in Sikeston last week and paid the editor a visit. It was our first meeting for more than fifty years. Her husband was the Blanton family physician when living in Howard County in the late 1860. She was in Southeast Missouri for a visit with the family of her grandson, T. W. Pile, living on one of the L. M. Stalleup farms.

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## FOOTBALL LEAGUES FORMED SATURDAY

Football officials of thirteen high schools of Southeast Missouri met here Saturday for the purpose of forming a Southeast Missouri high school football league. The major work of the meeting was the formation of two leagues, northern and southern divisions of the section. The two divisions are as follows: Northern: Charleston, Cape Girardeau, Jackson and Perryville. Southern: Poplar Bluff, Dexter, Gideon, Malden, Kennett, Caruthersville, New Madrid, Senath and Cardwell.

Sikeston did not join the League for a number of reasons, chief of which is the general dissatisfaction of last year over games in which the local officials had tried to provide impartial rulings. Another reason is the fact that the Sikeston School Board is opposed to post-seasonal games with teams in this immediate section. Another potent factor in Sikeston's decision to play free-lance, according to Coach J. Herbert Moore, is the fact that Cape Girardeau is known to have imported three men from Kirkwood and Jackson three from Fulton. Sikeston officials are standing four-square against the use of ringers in high school athletics.

The rules of the two leagues formed Saturday provide that each team must play at least four games within its league to make it eligible for a league championship. The champions of the two divisions will meet in a post-seasonal game, deciding the entire Southeast Missouri championship.

Sikeston's choice in remaining out of the organization, leaves its team free to play teams in both divisions on whatever dates it chooses. It is also eligible for the championship of the entire section as in event it should defeat the leading teams of one division it will play the champion of the other.

Two changes have been made in the Sikeston schedule since it was published last week. Games have been arranged with Gideon here on October 16 and with Kennett here on October 30. These games supplant the ones scheduled with Jackson. The entire schedule is as follows:

SEPTEMBER 25—Chaffee at Sikeston.

OCTOBER 7—Sikeston at Charleston.

OCTOBER 16—Gideon at Sikeston.

OCTOBER 23—Sikeston at Gideon.

OCTOBER 30—Kennett at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 6—Caruthersville at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 11—Blytheville, Ark., at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 20—Sikeston at New Madrid.

NOVEMBER 26—Turkey Day—Charleston at Sikeston.

The formation of the two divisions are not final and other teams are invited to join in time to book four games within their league.

### JUDGE KELLY TALKS ON IMPORTANCE OF CONSTITUTION

Jackson, September 19.—Circuit Judge Kelly has made plans to guarantee that when the next birthday of the American Constitution rolls around, next September 17, Cape Girardeau will pay proper notice to the occasion. He has named a committee to arrange for a program, following an impromptu gathering in court free, when he called attention to the fact that Americans are inclined to pay too little attention to the great document.

On the occasion of the constitution's birthday this week Judge Kelly called everyone around the courthouse in the courtroom and delivered a talk. He called attention to the fact that just 138 years ago the Constitution of the United States was adopted, and then read a few excerpts from speech or lecture delivered on this occasion two years ago by Judge Henry J. Hersey before the bar in his court in Denver, in which the judge called attention to the fact that we do not realize as American citizens just how important this event was to the well-being and safety of the United States and of the entire world.

The court further read some parts of a book, written by Elihu Root, dealing with the same subjects. In connection with these readings the court emphasized the fact that self-control is one of the first requisites of good citizenship, and that the Constitution of the United States is based on just that.

The court then suggested to the bar assembled that next year at this time, a proper and public observance of the occasion be held in this court house on this day, and then appointed a committee, consisting of T. D. Hines and Kenrick Burroughs, to take the arrangement of a program in hand, and then had the clerk of the court make the proper entries on the court's minute books. After a short talk by Judge Orren Wilson, the court began the day's work.

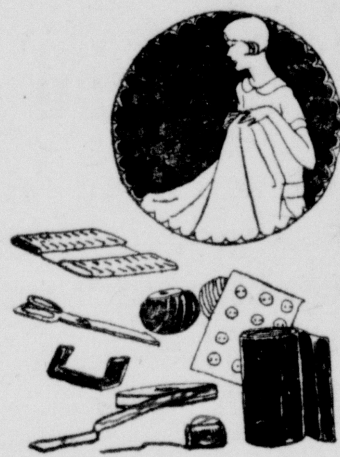
It was a solemn affair and was listened to attentively by the attorneys, the jurors and litigants as well as the spectators.

Lynn Smith left last Monday night for Boonville, Mo., where he is a student in the Kemper Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence and daughter, Misses Evelyn Sutton and Edna Chambliss and Aubrey Shain shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday night.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. L. S. Mitchell will leave Thursday for her home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Katherine Johnson has accepted a position at the Stubbs Motor Co.

Charlie Frank returned from the Cairo hospital Thursday afternoon, greatly improved after his operation.

F. D. Lair, Sr. and Henry Comer went to Paducah, Ky., Sunday to visit F. D. Lair, Jr., who is ill of malaria. Mr. Lair is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory returned last week from St. Louis, where Mr. Emory had been to take his wife to a doctor, and to purchase fall merchandise.

Mrs. Roy Owen and Mrs. Wes Depp were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Fred Dunn motored to Sikeston Thursday to take his little daughter to the doctor. She stuck a thorn in her foot two weeks ago and only a part of it was ever removed. The doctor removed the remaining part of the thorn.

Miss Phyllis Ball is very ill at this writing with typhoid.

W. H. Deane took Mrs. F. Bixler and children to see her daughter, Ida, who was operated on for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch and children left Thursday for Chicago, where they will reside in the future.

L. F. Swartz left Friday for Urbana, Ill., where he will enter the University for the winter.

Mrs. Maggie Hunott and son, Gobel Owing, of near La Forge spent the week-end here with friends.

Misses Marie and Mary Deane shipped in Sikeston, Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Critchlow took her little son to Sikeston Saturday, where he is taking violin lessons.

Roy Waters went to Sikeston Wednesday on business.

Ruby Jackson of Sikeston had business in Matthews last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy and children of Sikeston visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shelton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Koglin of Canolou spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Geo. Elderbrooks.

Mary Elizabeth Daugherty returned last week from Sikeston, where she has been with her aunts, Misses Betty and Mary Daugherty.

M. H. Sutton took Mr. Bixler to Cairo Sunday to get his daughter, Miss Ida, who was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavender shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Waters and Bert Gentry were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrest and children visited the latter's parents in Sikeston, Saturday.

Mrs. James Smith and son, Mrs. Cora Gossitt and little grandson, Aubrey Clarke, attended the funeral of Charles Clark, in Sikeston, Friday.

Miss Alice Deane left Monday for Cape Girardeau, where she will enter school for the winter.

Mrs. George Englehardt entertained several of her relatives from Mor-

ley with a dinner Sunday, complimentary to her husband's birthday. The dinner was a surprise to Mr. Englehardt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughter, Miss Aleta, attended the funeral of Charles Clark, in Sikeston, Friday.

### Morehouse

Dan Mocabee is out and around again, after two months illness that has confined him to his bed.

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway left Saturday for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Horace Payne, in Kansas City.

Walter Mocabee's Chrysler coach was delivered to him the latter part of last week.

The Methodist Missionary Society held their all day meeting with Mrs. Dunaway on last Thursday. The day was spent in quilting and embroidering. The ladies are already making plans for the community fair, which will be held some time in November. Dinner and supper were served and the ladies made \$35.83.

Dr. F. A. Elders and family drove to Big Springs near Van Buren Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. Ingram is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Pete Taylor. Mrs. Ingram was formerly Miss Eva Taylor.

Chas. Stubbs of Blodgett was here transacting business, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brasher of Festus have moved back to Blodgett. Mr. and Mrs. Brasher will be remembered by many Morehouse people, having lived here a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lowe, Jr. spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crumpecker near Canolou.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Masterson have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, who live in the Earl Fisher home.

Marvin Motley, who has been spending the summer with his aunt, Mrs. E. F. Walden, has returned to Petersburg, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Masterson spent Sunday with their son, Byron Masterson and their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Wallace.

Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Alice Porter are working in the new store here that has recently been opened by Charles Serenco, of St. Louis. Mr. Serenco will conduct a big sale for a week commencing Thursday.

The New Madrid County teachers will meet in a teachers meeting at New Madrid, Friday, September 25. Supt. Davis and Prof. Brice Edwards are on the program from Morehouse.

The Tigers will meet the Junior League champions, Diehlstadt, next Friday afternoon in the first football game of the season.

Mr. Lizzard of Sikeston, was arrested and fined \$40 for speeding in Morehouse last Saturday night. When brought before the police judge, he said his name was Lizzard, but he did not believe in crawling, at which the judge added five dollars to his fine. Lizzard sped through Morehouse at the rate of 40 miles an hour, disregarding stop signs. Marshall Headlee chased him in a car, but was unable to overtake him until he reached the sand hill near Sikeston. He brought him back to Morehouse and made him drive through town properly and then arraigned him before the judge.

Mrs. Harry Dudley shopped in the Cape, Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Purcell and children visited in Cape Girardeau, Friday.

A. C. Barrett returned Saturday afternoon from a week's vacation in St. Louis, driving back with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris, who returned from Alton, Ill.

The Standard gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a ticket to the Tokio Theatre for the evening of Monday, September 21, from the Bank of Morehouse. The theatre was leased for the entire week by merchants and business men of Morehouse for free performances before their customers in appreciation of their patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer went to St. Louis, Sunday.

Byron Bowman left Sunday for Chicago on business.

Joe Stubbs went to St. Louis Sunday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sutton spent Sunday afternoon at Chaffee.

The D. A. R. Indian fete will be held on the E. J. Malone lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey spent Thursday and Friday in Jefferson City.

Mrs. W. L. Grinstead of Cairo arrived Monday for a visit with the J. A. Young family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence and daughter and Miss Evelyn Sutton drove to Poplar Bluff Sunday.

Orders taken for ladies coats and dresses at Nina Smoot's store in the Gross Building, south of the shoe factory, 2t.

Mrs. Nina Smoot has recently leased half of the Gross building in the Chamber of Commerce Addition and is installing a complete line of dry goods this week. She will probably open for business next week.

Byron Crain has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been lined up with the volunteers as an out-fighter. He is well-pleased with his prospects with the Southern League team and is signed up with them for next season.

## FRIENDSHIP

How often do you hear from your friends? How often do you let them hear from you? You have scores of them scattered about the country but an occasional card or seasonal greeting is your only connection with them. How pleasantly surprised they would be to receive your photograph! How thoughtful it would be for you to send them one! Arrange for a sitting now. We guarantee satisfaction. "Your friends can buy anything you can give them excepting your picture".

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### REVERSES ORDER OF JUDGE FARIS

St. Louis, September 17.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today reversed a decision by Federal Judge Faris in which he relieved the county court of New Madrid County, of a contract to purchase \$700,000 worth of road materials from the Egyptian Gravel Company of Mount Vernon, Ill.

The court, although no question of jurisdiction was raised in the appeal, declared that the federal court was without jurisdiction and remanded the case to the state court.

Suit was brought by the Republican county court which alleged a contract was made by the court under Democratic control, tinged with politics. Judge Faris held that the contract was "not made in good faith or due consideration for the best interests of New Madrid County".

Inmates of British prisons entitled to have library books have been known to ask for text books on higher mathematics and advanced science.

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### SEES BIG FUTURE FOR MISSOURI GROWN RICE

Columbia, September 17.—"There is no doubt whatever that a very large acreage of bottomland in Missouri will safely mature large yields of rice," says W. C. Etheridge, head of the department of field crops at the Missouri College of Agriculture.

An inspection of the rice fields now nearing harvest in Lincoln and St. Charles Counties was made recently by Etheridge, accompanied by C. A. Helm and B. M. King of his department, and by Richard Bradford of the soils department of the College of Agriculture. They were met at the rice fields by C. E. Chambliss, special investigator from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They found 3000 acres of rice in Lincoln County and 100 acres in St. Charles County—many of the best fields carrying yields of 50 to 75 bushels per acre. Some of these fields, according to Etheridge, have reached the standard of thoroughly successful rice production and reveal a big future for rice growing in Missouri.

"We believe that rice growing can be made a part of a highly successful system of diversified farming," says Etheridge, "and that this crop can, in many places, utilize land which is now unproductive because of its tendency to overflow or because of the difficulty of working that particular type of soil."

A study is being made also of the possibilities of rice growing on the heavy, black lands of Southeast Missouri by King and Chambliss. The college will undertake a thorough investigation of rice production in Missouri and the possibilities in the development of this valuable crop. It will be necessary to conduct experiments on the several types of bottomland soils in the State and to compare many varieties of rice in order to work out the best practices with reference to irrigation, cultural methods and varieties. Although this will require both time and expense, there is no reason to doubt that rice will ultimately occupy a very important place in Missouri's highly diversified farming system.

### HOTEL DEL REY WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

Due to delays in receiving material the contractor of the new Del Rey hotel building has announced that it will not be completed in time for the Fair. Accordingly E. A. Lawrence, who will operate the new business, says the formal opening will be held on November 1.

Much of the equipment has already been received and will be ready as soon as the building is completed. The bedding was received this week and is now in storage.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK STARTS OCTOBER 4

Washington, September 20.—Concern over the increase in the nation's fire loss, which in recent months has been the heaviest in history, is expressed by President Coolidge in his annual fire prevention week proclamation.

The proclamation made public today at the White House recommended that the week beginning Sunday, October 4, be observed as National Fire Prevention Week. Appealing to state and municipal officials, civic organizations, school authorities and all citizens and organized bodies for fullest co-operation in improving conditions, the President declared that there is need for earnest study of the principles of fire protection as a practical measure of national economy.

Fires in the United States during 1924, the proclamation said, caused the loss of 15,000 lives and of property exceeding \$548,000,000 in value—the heaviest toll in history—with the loss for the first half of this year exceeding the corresponding period of 1924.

### POPLAR BLUFF JEWELER FRED OF MURDER CHARGE

Poplar Bluff, September 17.—August Winkler, a local jeweler, was found not guilty in a preliminary hearing today on a charge of murdering Mrs. Florence Brown Stroader of Cairo, Ill., who died under mysterious circumstances on May 11, last, at Winkler's jewelry store. Winkler is 68 years old. The girl, about 26, had been employed by Winkler at his store. After an argument with the girl Winkler said she drank a portion of a poison solution used by him in polishing jewelry. She died shortly afterward. A post-mortem examination disclosed no external injuries, while her vital organs, sent to a chemist in St. Louis, showed no traces of poison.

### BOOKS OF SCOTT COUNTY OFFICES BEING AUDITED

Benton.—Three grand juries have recommended that the books of the offices of Scott county be audited, the former audit having been made in 1914. The work of auditing the books were started off by a crew of men under the direction of State Auditor L. D. Thompson early in the week. Thompson stated that it would take about two months to complete the work. The work will cover the records of the past six years. E. A. Lehmer of Jefferson City, J. R. Berkshire of Kansas City and M. M. Lyons of Jefferson City are his assistants.

The books of all the officers of the county will be audited.

### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Clayton—New subdivision being established on east side of McKnight Road, between Clayton and Landue roads.

Missouri alfalfa acreages this year is greatest in history of State.

Charleston—Two new service stations to be constructed here.

Richmond—Work progressing rapidly, paving highway between here and Missouri River.

Monett—Monett Special Road District improving their section of north Pierce City road.

Boonville—Highway No. 2 from Mitchell's Lane to Simpson's farm, near Columbia, to be paved.

Monett—Brick paving on Broadway to be resurfaced with tarvia.

Flag—Road through this place being improved.

Lexington—Highland Ave., between Broadway and Plumb Street, to be resurfaced.

Puxico—First load of 1925 cotton brought to local gin.

Marionville—Four-story addition to be built by Marionville Cold Storage Company.

Festus—Paving of Highway No. 9, between here and Farmington road intersection, nearing completion.

New Madrid—New equipment installed in local light plant.

Thayer—Local tomato canning plant running full-time.

Pattonsburg—New bridge to be constructed across Bid Creek, northeast of here.

Thayer—Section of Thayer-Jobe road, under construction for past four years, finished.

Mexico—New four-span concrete bridge on East Liberty Street, opened to traffic.

Fulton—Survey being made of Route 15, from this place northward to Mexico.

Centralia—Four-mile stretch of road south of Centralia special road district to be improved.

Carthage—New Penny Store opens.

Unionville—New business building to be erected on North Main Street.

Trenton—Three carloads hogs shipped from here in one day.

Carthage—Plans under way for resurfacing asphalt macadam pavement in business district.

Palmyra—Work progressing rapidly on local street paving project.

Bumper corn crop indicated for Marion County.

Boonville—New elevator, replacing structure destroyed by fire last winter, nearing completion.

Highway No. 15 in sections of Callaway County, being surveyed.

Humansville—Tomato cannery working steadily on good crop.

Tina—Fair to be held here October 6-8.

Grant City—Grant City Oil Company improving roads around oil station.

De Witt—New machinery to be installed in Stevenson's mill; elevator system being rearranged.

Republic—Twenty cars grapes loaded here during season, now nearing close.

Greenville—New bank, Wayne County State Bank, to be established here.

Lee's Summit—Post office to move October 1, to new Harrison Metheny building on Douglas Street.

Greenville—Work progressing on new courthouse.

Lee's Summit—Mulligan bridge on No. 35 repaired.

Liberal—Plans under way for erecting service station, corner Main and Yale Streets.

Cape Girardeau—Cape Girardeau Bell Telephone Company purchases Perry County properties.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend.

C. H. Higgins of Anniston was fined \$100 and six months in jail for operating motor vehicle without lights, late Tuesday night, after being brought before Judge J. W. Downing, Justice of the Peace of East Prairie. He was apprehended by Henry Babb Constable of Wolf Island Township.—East Prairie Eagle.

A contemptible act was performed by a truck driver from Osceola, Ark., Monday. He was moving a family, consisting of a man, his wife and daughter from that city to Kewanee. Just beyond the curve in No. 9, south of Marston around noon, the driver went to sleep and the truck he was driving ran into the ditch and overturned. The parties who were moving went on to Kewanee and the driver who had started to reload the truck after willing hands had assisted him right it, changed his mind and instead, threw the furniture back into the ditch, and it is said, having been previously paid for the trip, turned around and went back to Osceola. Good citizens of Marston brought the furniture and Mr. Metts had it put in the warehouse.—Lilbourn Herald.

### LARGE STILL CAPTURED IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

A profit second only to that which was netted by the county as a result of the raid on the yacht "Unique" on July 21 will be realized from a similar expedition conducted Friday by Sheriff J. O. King and a party of deputies, when a huge still, with vast quantities of mash, was destroyed and 89 sacks of sugar confiscated. The sugar, which was brought to Charleston on two loaded trucks and piled up in the county jail, is easily worth \$6 a sack at present prices, according to the sheriff, and will be sold as soon as a court order permitting its sale can be obtained.

The raid Friday was along the Mississippi River northeast of Charleston, on what is known as Newcum's bar. When the raiding party swooped down on the place, it was deserted, but from the size of the still and the complete equipment which was found about it, the officers believed that it has been a big source of supply for the illicit liquor trade along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and that the "main office" of the operators is in Cairo. The still and worm were destroyed, the mash was poured out and trucks were called from here to haul in the sugar, several hours being required to transport the sugar by motor boat to a place which could be reached by the trucks.

For the past several months, residents of the Thompson's Bend country have been of the opinion that a large still was in operation somewhere in that neighborhood, but had been unable to ascertain the exact location. Information reached Sheriff King Friday, however, as to the approximate location of the plant, and it is believed, as a result of the successful raid, the number of cars which travel over the Thompson's Bend road, which is merely a local highway, will be considerably decreased.

As in the case of the sale of the property seized in the "Unique" raid, the confiscated sugar now in the county jail will be disposed of at the highest price possible, and the proceeds will go into the capital school fund of the county after all expenses of the raid have been deducted.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

### NO. 9 WILL NOT PASS DIRECTLY THRU JACKSON

A force of engineers from the State Highway Department are at work locating Highway No. 9 south of Jackson.

Division Engineer Frank B. Newton, was in Jackson Thursday conferring with a number of business men who are anxious to have the highway run through the center of the city. Mr. Newton explained that this would be impossible as the Highway Commissioners had adopted a policy of missing all cities and towns to avoid congestion of traffic. He said, however, that there would be no objections to locating it as near to the city as possible without using the streets, and went over the ground with several citizens in an effort to find a practical route which would be satisfactory to them.

The route from the concrete, on Cane Creek is located to the Althen farm on the Jackson and Burfordville road, from which point a route is being sought south of Jackson, to connect with a survey running between the Wilson Cramer and F. E. Kies farms, and connecting with the Cape-Jackson road at the Nitch farm. From the Althen farm it is planned to run south of the Hoffmeister hill and, if possible, to enter the city north of the Russell Heights Cemetery and to cross the east creek just south of the Loos Brothers saw mill. If this is accomplished the highway should not be more than five or six blocks south of the courthouse.

It is the intention of Mr. Newton to use one bridge across the railroad tracks and the east creek for both Highways Nos. 9 and 25.

From the information received from reliable sources, it appears that No. 9 will run within a block or two of the western limits of Cape Girardeau, and be in direct line with Broadway which has already been paved, in anticipation of its approach.

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imity to this proposed location.—Jackson Post.

At Sikeston it will probably go east of town.

Under a ruling of Attorney General Robert W. Otto, all fines imposed on violators of the fish and game laws in this State will be divided equally between the person who furnishes the information to his local deputy game warden looking to the apprehension of such offenders, and the school district in which the crime is perpetrated. Recently Tom Cosotta was fined \$500 for dynamiting fish in McDonald County. It has been very difficult for game wardens to get information in such cases, but now that the law is made plain and public sentiment demands the strict enforcement, fish and game hogs can expect to be turned in.—West Plains Gazette.

Take your squaw to the D. A. R. Indian fete Thursday.

In America some 45 per cent of the families are owners of their own homes.

A. E. Smith and G. W. Pierce of Mokane, Mo., were in Sikeston Sunday and Monday to visit farms which they own near here.

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The good will tour of the business men of Cape Girardeau to other towns in Southeast Missouri should bear the right sort of fruit. There is no personal ill feeling toward any business man or firm of Cape Girardeau by other communities, but there is an ill feeling toward Cape Girardeau as a whole caused by a number of things. For instance, in almost every case of baseball, basketball, football, debating and other competitive exercises, the Cape Girardeau newspapers so colors the story, that it appears, though beaten, that Cape Girardeau had the best team and was unfairly treated by the umpires or judges. This is a fact and the reason that every other Southeast Missouri town is much pleased when Cape is beaten by any other team. If Cape Girardeau really wishes good feeling to exist, why did they select the same fair dates as Sikeston the past two years? Sikeston is a small town to Cape Girardeau, but the Cape Fair will be the one to suffer and not Sikeston.

It is indeed a worthy purpose for which the local D. A. R. Chapter will attempt to raise funds at its second annual Indian fete at the Malone home Thursday. For the past three years they have subscribed to the fund of the State organization, which lends money to worthy boys and girls who desire a college education. In that time, they have aided six persons to borrow money from the fund. These alone have made this work worthwhile to Sikeston and the aid that all of us can give by helping the organization Thursday evening, will mean that many more can be helped in the future. Attend the festival with this thought in mind.

One of the Appeal editor's good Democratic friends deplores his inability to get hold of a real Democratic newspaper any more. There are several reasons for the change about which he complains. First, the Democratic party, under present leadership, stands for hardly anything other than jobs. It has even discarded the tariff issue, the only issue on which it can hope to rally the popular vote to its flag. Second, it has degenerated into a party of opposition, most of its leaders having substituted snarls for slogans at a time when constructive statecraft is the nation's greatest need. Third, practically all of its present leaders represent factions more than party. Too many of them would rather gratify

personal animosities or blow off steam about prohibition, which has come to stay, than to glorify the party for past achievements or to formulate policies for future service. Besides all this, the press, both Democratic and Republican, is fast coming to a knowledge of the truth that its first mission is to give the news and to deal fairly with its constituents, things that were impossible when newspapers subordinated everything to party interests or when they viewed with alarm everything the enemy did, no matter how good, and pointed with pride to everything their organization did, no matter how bad. Real Republican papers are just as scarce as those of the Democratic variety, judged by old standards. As for itself, the Appeal is just as confirmed in its devotion to Democratic principles as it ever was. But, like hundreds of other Democratic papers, it is not going to question either the motives or the citizenship of those who belong to another party or who are apparently doing their best to serve the public, just because they are of a different political faith. The fighting spirit has gone out of the Democratic press because most of the party leaders are peanut busters who either exalt the Klan and liquor issues above party principles or else, which is more likely, use these matters to distract attention from evils like the tariff which Big Business, their master, fattens upon. Too much peanut rolling and personal politics have likewise dampened the ardor of this section of the press in state politics. Viewing the sorry record both Democrats and Republicans have made in recent legislatures, and considering the plight of both education and the public service as a result of their bickering, the real wonder is that newspapers of all sorts do not utterly repudiate both of them until they repent and reform.—Paris Appeal.

The progress of a city is usually sized up by strangers according to the public buildings and public works, such as sewerage, light, water and streets. Many compliments have been passed on Sikeston by visitors to our city, but most of them are surprised at the lack of an adequate sewerage system and paved streets. The time has arrived for action on sewers and October 20 has been set as the date to vote bonds for this purpose. No citizen who is looking to the future growth of, and to the health of Sikeston, should be against the proposition. The plans are so drawn that every section of the city will be served and the cost will be placed on all property alike. Give this matter your careful thought and make yourself familiar with the details that you may be of assistance in putting in a sanitary sewer that will last as long as Sikeston exists.

Refreshments and a musical program at 5:30 at the D. A. R. Indian fete.

School children in East Ham, England, received 400 free pairs of boots in a recent twelve months.

Parents in Angers, a French town, who already possess two children will have an opportunity of winning \$1-225 if they have a third child within the next twelve month.

## THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

The same power of fiery spirit which drives its owner on to greatness in an unguarded moment, may mean his undoing or committing of a deed which he will regret the rest of his life.

On September 27, 1817, two prominent men met on Bloody Island, a dot of land out from St. Louis in the Mississippi river. They came to fight the most famous duel in Missouri history. The man mortally wounded forgave his antagonist. The victor carried with him to his grave the wound of regret and self-reproach. Thomas Hart Benton had killed Charles Lucas.

It is surely true that racial characteristics, environment and training affect the deeds of men. In the encounter between Benton and Lucas there is at play the two forces of the Latin race and the Anglo-Saxon race with the inherent traits of each.

Benton came of English stock with a nature of aggressiveness and self-sufficiency. He was taken by his mother, a widow, into the wilds of Tennessee where they built a plantation and lived the rugged frontier life. The rigor of this environment made its indelible imprint on his virile, fiery character.

Theodore Roosevelt in writing on the life of Thomas Hart Benton speaks of him as a "hot spirit of the West" and says of him, "Benton was deeply imbued with the masterful, overbearing spirit of the West—a spirit whose manifestations were not always pleasant." "At that time duelling prevailed more or less throughout the United States, and in the South and West to an extent never before or since attained. Like Jackson, Benton killed his men in a duel."

In speaking of the experiences of Benton after he had gone from his home in North Carolina into the wilds of Tennessee Roosevelt says, "It was somewhat of a change from his early training, but he took to it kindly, and though never a vicious or debauched man, he bore his full share in the savage brawls, the shooting and stabbing affrays, which went to make up one of the leading features in the excessively unattractive social life of the place and epoch."

Charles Lucas was of Norman extraction, his father and mother both having natives of Normandy. In the Missouri Gazette for November 1, 1817, a few weeks after the fatal encounter with Benton, there was carried this description:

"From his most tender years he disclosed penetration, judgment, originality of mind, independence, paid a particular respect to the rights of others." In speaking of his associations and conduct at Jefferson college, Pennsylvania, the Gazette says, "His conduct was chaste and irreproachable—he became the friend of his fellow students—he left the college generally regretted and came back to St. Louis."

Benton was a specialist in land litigation cases and found a fertile field for his professional services in St. Louis. Lucas was likewise a lawyer and it was at court that the first seeds of discord were sown. They fell on ready ground as William Montgomery Meigs writes in his "Life of Thomas Hart Benton":

"Doubtless, the antagonism between the French and the American settlers was an important factor in the quarrel. The Lucases were French and that formerly controlling element was, as Gant says, very sick of the unceasing push of the bustling Americans, while the latter were impatient to secure entire control."

Lucas has given an account of the first trouble between Benton and himself in his letter written August 11, 1817. "The cause of difference between T. H. Benton and me are as follows: At October term of court of last year, Mr. Benton and I were employed on adverse sides in a case. At the close of the evidence he stated that the evidence being so and so, he requested the court to instruct the jury to find accordingly. I stated in reply that there was no such evidence to my remembrance; he replied, 'I contradict you, sir'. I answered, 'I contradict you, sir'. He then said, 'If you deny that, you deny the truth'. I replied, 'If you assert that, you assert what is not true'."

"He immediately sent me a challenge which I declined accepting, for causes stated in my correspondence. The jury in a few minutes returned a verdict for me, and in opposition to his statement. He never even moved for a new trial. Since that time we have had no intercourse except in business. On the day of the election at St. Louis, 4th August, 1817, I inquired whether he had paid tax in time to entitle him to vote. He was offering his vote at the time.

"He applied vehement, abusive and ungentlemanly language to me, and I believe some of it behind my back, all of which he declined to recant, to give me satisfaction other than by the greatest extremities. This is the state of the dispute between T. H. Benton and myself. I make this declaration, that, let things eventuate as they may, it may be known how



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It is said, although without absolute proof, that the abusive language uttered by Benton when he turned to the election judge was: "Gentleman, if you have any questions to ask, I am prepared to answer, but I do not propose to answer charges made by any puppy who may happen to run across my path."

According to the customs of the day, no gentleman could allow such terms to be spoken without remonstrance without losing caste. Lucas sent his challenge. "I am informed you applied to me on the day of the election the epithet of 'Puppy'. If so, I shall expect the satisfaction which is due from one gentleman to another for such indignity."

They fought on Bloody Island, at ten paces and were both wounded, Lucas severely and Benton slightly.

Colonel Benton demanded another fire. Charles Lucas told his second, Joshua Barton, to re-load. Mr. Barton considered that to let him shoot again would be wanton exposure of the life of the man who was suffering from a wound which judged by the profusion of blood, might soon prove fatal. Upon the urging of Dr. Charles and Mr. Barton, Lucas sent his answer to Colonel Benton's demand that he was satisfied and required no second meeting.

Colonel Benton declared he was not satisfied and demanded that Lucas should continue to fight or pledge himself to come out again as soon as his wound would permit him for a second encounter. Lucas gave his promise and retired with his second to the boat where he fainted from the loss of blood.

During the time Lucas was recovering from his wound his second and Mr. Lawless, Benton's second, attempted to pacify Lucas and Benton. The difficulty between them was adjusted and the intention to have a second meeting was given up, according to Lawless. But when Benton was about to withdraw the demand for a second meeting "he was assailed with reports of the most offensive nature to his feelings and reputation". Colonel Benton felt the necessity of disproving these reports by a second meeting with Lucas.

Lucas answered with a note to Benton saying that he knew nothing of any such reports, yet without knowledge of their nature he would grant Benton an opportunity to gratify his own wishes or those of his newscasters.

The second meeting was held at sunrise on the same island. The terms were in the main the same as in the first duel, except that the principals were to stand at a distance of ten feet from each other. Benton was untouched, while Lucas was struck in the right arm and the ball then lodged near his heart. He died within one hour.

In the account given by Lucas' father, Benton approached his wounded opponent and expressed his sorrow. Lucas charged Benton with being his murderer and declared he could not forgive him. Upon reflection and realization that he was dying he added, "I can forgive you and do forgive you", and gave him his hand.

The date of the duel was the blackest day in Benton's life. He was known to brood over it in after years. In his apparent effort to erase it from his mind and eliminate all evidence of it he destroyed all the papers connected with the duel. The fatal outcome of the affair had such an effect upon him that he never again went

to the "field of honor" to engage in a duel.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

B. Nations to Harrison-Beardslee Merc. Co., lots 2, 3 block 20 Morley, \$100.

J. C. Hand to B. J. Huber, lot 37 Benton, \$2100.

P. T. Hughes to I. Kugman, lots 21-23 block 15 Chaffee, \$200.

J. E. Warner to Ed Crippen, lot 8 block 10, Chaffee, \$175.

C. M. Wylie and N. F. Anderson to E. D. Hoffman, 187 acres 10-28-14, \$1014.17.

G. A. Campbell to E. D. Hoffman, 187 acres 10-28-14, \$162.40.

J. W. Sherer to C. D. Matthews, 40 acres 26-27-14, \$833.12.

Raymond Moore et al to C. C. Swinney, 1.166 acres 33-30-14, \$2500.

Denton Lynn to Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 160 acres 34-27-14, \$9,602.63.

W. D. Butler to Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 80 acres 33-28-14, \$2,284.22.

E. E. Sheppard to Ora Sexton, lot 20 block 6 Sikeston, \$6500.

Highland Park Real Estate Co. to Clarence O'Neal, 44.50 acres 4-29-14, \$2000.

Scott County Bank to E. H. Foster, lots 6, 7 block 20 Morley, \$1000.

Mrs. R. R. Smith to Chas. Dorroh, west half lot 6 Trotter addition Sikeston, \$287.03.

Fritz Miller to B. L. Barworth, 220.28 acres 23-28-14, \$5000.

B. L. Barworth to Bacher Investment Co., 220.28 acres 23-28-14, \$1.

First State Bank of Fomfelt to C. F. Adams, 99.30 acres 3-27-12, \$2.

Nancy Greer to Abner Greer, 40 acres, 16-29-14, \$2000.

E. C. Matthews to Mrs. Clemine Dobbs, Mrs. Frankie Brown, Chester Dobbs, Mayme Dobbs and Luther Dobbs, lot 9 block 1 East side addition Sikeston, \$1750.—Benton Democrat.

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# EASTMAN'S KODAKS AND FILMS

## DERRIS THE DRUGGIST

### THE "DESERTED VILLAGES" OF THE FUTURE

Publication recently of the conclusions of a western college professor, a student of sociological problems to the effect that the future American city will be practically a city without homes, calls interested attention to the fact that in this transition there is almost a complete departure from the custom which once found expression in the establishment of centers of population. Originally, it may be agreed, even in those earlier days when every tribe and every clan sought to establish its social and economic independence, the public or community storehouses were the centers of the home sections, easily available to every member of the band which they were designed to supply. In those times necessity rather than mere convenience impressed upon community dwellers the wisdom of putting all their eggs in one basket as it were, and then of watching that basket. Tribal conflicts and clanish strife might otherwise cause the families of the warriors to be cut off from the source of their supplies and leave them without any other recourse.

But as civilization has advanced and as means of communication and transportation have been provided and improved, vast numbers of people have come to reside in seeming security with available food supplies sufficient for only a few days. Take, for instance, the cities of Boston, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, as well as others throughout the United States. At no season of the year, it is safe to say, does any one of these cities contain within its borders, or within a radius of one hundred miles, enough of even the staple foods to supply its population for a month.

This condition could not continue were it not for the facilities which have been provided for transporting these commodities long distances in a comparatively short time. Even with these improved methods of transport, such processes could not be relied upon except upon assurance that a measure of industrial peace will be maintained, that no tribal or sectional warfare will break out between two days, and that there will be no refusal of at least necessary co-operation between producers and consumers.

So it seems that while something that might be called a cruder civiliza-

tion than that which we now boast of inspired the establishment of the earlier cities or communities, an advancing civilization is gradually changing the physical aspect and character of these same centers. With the assurance of permanent peace among kindred peoples, and with the hope that eventually this peace shall be universal, no thought is taken of siege or blockade, either upon land or sea. The people of every section share without hindrance or protest in the bounties of every other section. Swift trains and boats have paved the way which one day will be more quickly traversed by airships laden with the earth's riches. No stockades or mounted guns are needed to assure safety from hostile marauders. The outposts of this newer and better civilization which understanding has ushered in are the broad prairies, the friendly hills and the sheltering woods. Along, upon, and in these the released and happy dwellers and homemakers are residing, gradually forgetting that circumscribing tradition which impelled them to seek protection in numbers and behind ancient city walls.—Christian Science Monitor.

### AUTOS KILL TWO EVERY HOUR IN UNITED STATES

Cleveland, Ohio, September 16.—America's death rate due to automobile accidents leads the world, being 14.8 fatalities for every 100,000 population against 5.2 in England and Wales, 4.3 in Scotland, 4.6 in New Zealand and 3.6 in Canada during 1923. Figures for 1924 show that for 158 American cities the automobile accident death rate was 19.4 per 100,000 population, causing not less than 17,400 deaths in automobile accidents, not counting accidents which involved railroad trains or street cars and automobiles.

The toll of human life taken by motor vehicles last year in this country was at the rate of more than two for every hour in the day. These statistics have been compiled by the National Safety Council for consideration at the Fourteenth Annual Congress which will open here on Monday, September 28.

Don't miss the Indian fete Thursday evening.

The D. A. R. has planned an excellent program for the Indian fete on Malone lawn, Thursday.

## SEED SELECTION MAKES CORN PROFIT

Urbana, Ill., Sept. 18.—Almost all of the increased yield which corn growers get by using better seed is clear profit and consequently a few fall days spent in the field selecting seed corn will pay big dividends next year, it is pointed out by George H. Dungan of the crop production division, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. Tillage operations and overhead expenses are the same whether good or poor seed is planted and the only thing that has to be paid out of the increased yields which are obtained with the good seed is the extra cost of the better seed. Even after this extra cost is paid, the grower's profit will be from 5 to 20 per cent more than it would have been from mediocre seed.

"Most corn fields of the State contain good seed corn that should be saved this fall for planting next spring," he says. "The amount of good corn in any one field will depend upon the quality of the seed from which it grew and the seasonal and cultural conditions with which it has been surrounded. There are occasional fields, however, growing strains of corn that are so susceptible to disease infection as to be totally unfit for seed selection."

"The best way to get seed corn is to bring it in from the field before a killing frost and before the plants on which it was produced are dead. Seed ears should be taken from green standing stalks at a time when the husks are brown and the lower blades dry. The grain should be as nearly mature as possible and still be taken from the parent stalk before the plant has lost the signs of health and vigor. Fairly smooth ears should be chosen, while the kernels themselves should be well dent. An extra quantity of seed should be selected to allow for rigid culling during the winter and the elimination of dead and badly diseased ears after the germination tests are made in the spring."

"Ears selected for seed should be placed on a rack which allows as free circulation of air as possible around each ear. Artificial heat usually is not necessary, although if there is danger of severe freezing before the corn is reasonably dry, some heat in the seed corn storage house will be a help."

Eight years ago this fall, an English walnut tree was set out at the home of The Standard editor. This year it is bearing for the second time. It has a number of nuts of excellent quality, proving that this variety can be successfully grown in this latitude.

## ILLINOIS PEACH GROWERS USE CHEMICAL TO KILL BORERS

Urbana, Ill., Sept. 18.—Ninety-five per cent of the commercial peach growers of Illinois now use the chemical paradichlorobenzene for the control of peach tree borers, according to S. C. Chandler, assistant entomologist of the State Natural History Survey, which is co-operating with the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, in insect control work. The old method of using a jack knife and wire to dig out this pest has been pretty generally discarded by the larger growers, since the chemical treatment is quicker, cheaper and easier and kills 95 per cent or more of the worms if it is applied right, he said.

The best time to treat peach trees with the chemical, which is known as "P. D. B." for short, is from the first to the middle of October in Southern Illinois, and from September 20 to October 5 in the northern part of the State, Chandler said.

The chemical looks much like coarse salt or sugar and is applied in a strip an inch or two wide around the base of the peach tree, just far enough away so that it does not touch the bark. Four or five spadefuls of dirt are then thrown over the material and stamped with the back of a spade. This makes a mound around the base of the tree that sheds water and prevents the P. D. B. from washing away before it does the work. The mound need not be removed before spring, but should be leveled before summer. The gas which evolves from the chemical is heavier than air and filters down through the pores in the earth and into the burrows of the borers, killing them.

The amount of the material to use varies with the age of tree. One-half to three-fourths of an ounce a tree should be used for trees that have been set one full year and that are less than 5 years old. A full ounce should be used for trees eight to ten years old, and one and a half to two ounces for older trees.

The Natural History Survey issues a free circular on the peach tree borer and its control.

## TWENTY COUNTIES USE 22,864 TONS OF LIME

Columbia, September 17.—By using 22,864 tons of finely ground limestone on their clover and alfalfa fields during the present year, twenty Southwest Missouri counties have attracted the interest of the entire State in their businesslike effort to get their farms on a clover-and-prosperity basis. In this movement farm bureaus, farm clubs, chambers of commerce and individual farmers have joined to form what they call the "Southwest Missouri Lime Pool."

This pool was organized last spring by the Extension Service of the Missouri College of Agriculture as a part of the "Clover-and-Prosperity" campaign, now in its fourth year.

The need of concerted and standardized action in securing and applying agricultural lime to the prospective legume fields in Southwest Missouri was recognized by delegates from practically every school district in 22 counties, and leaders chosen from among these delegates have been responsible for the out-standing results already achieved.

A recent conference of the local leaders in this movement, including county extension agents, farm club secretaries, lime producers, and railway freight agents, met at Carthage. It was here that 20 counties reported a total use of 22,864 tons of lime within the year 1925. This enormous quantity of lime is being used by the several counties as follows: Jackson 1093 tons, Cass 804, Bates 1366, Vernon 3860, Barton 80, Jasper 3740, Newton 190, McDonald 60, Barry 480, Dade 700, Lawrence 2370, Cedar 280, St. Clair 555, Polk 80, Stone 80, Johnson 1680, Lafayette 1925, Henry 360, Pettis 1007, and Saline 2100.

## WHOLESALE PRICES CONTINUE TO SHOW UPWARD TREND

Washington, September 17.—The upward trend of wholesale prices is shown in a report made public by the Labor Department, to have continued through August.

On the basis of reports covering 404 commodities, the weighted index number of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with 100 representing the pre-war level, was fixed at 160.4 for August as compared with 159.9 for July and 149.7 for August a year ago.

Rising prices of rye, wheat, cattle, hay, hides and tobacco, the review stated, accounted for an advance in the level of prices for farm products from 161.8 in July to 163.1 in August, while increases in meats, butter, coffee and flour were largely responsible for raising the food price index from 157.3 to 159.2.

ly to a decline in rubber prices. Small increases were reported for cloths and clothing, metals and metal products, building materials and chemicals and drugs.

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Frank H. Smith, Executor of the estate of Annette Barnes, deceased. Order of Publication. NOW, on this day comes Frank H. Smith, Executor of the Estate of Annette Barnes, deceased and presents to the court his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the Real Estate of said deceased as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said Estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories required by law in such case, on examination thereof, it is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before

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ADVANCE MAN CONFESSES  
TO KILLING BEN CROAY

Advance, September 18.—Bill Crabtree came into town at 7 o'clock last night and confessed that he stabbed and killed Ben Croay at 7:30 p. m. yesterday in the Tibbs-Biggs general store here. A sheriff's posse had been unable to find Crabtree after searching all afternoon.

A coroner's inquest held soon after the stabbing, pronounced Croay killed at the hands of Crabtree. A total of 11 wounds were found in the lifeless body, several of them over the heart.

The fight came after the two men engaged in a heated argument in the rear of the store. The trouble was said to have been over an unpaid debt. The stabbing took place when Crabtree flourished a four-inch knife with a bar at the base of the blade. Two men present tried to separate the irate pair, but were unsuccessful. Croay had nothing with which to defend himself. He staggered a few steps before dropping to the floor and never spoke before he expired. Crabtree fled through the rear of the store at the time and was not seen until he gave up last night.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. today near here for Croay. He is survived by his widow and six children.

Labor organizations are planning an intensive campaign to unionize workers of all classes in St. Louis, where heretofore the unions never have been able to make much headway against the open shop. The campaign to unionize will be fought by the Manufacturers & Merchants' Association of St. Louis.

A preacher up in New Jersey wanting to find out how much of the milk of human kindness there was in the world, started out on foot to walk from Jersey City to Columbus, Ohio. Hee dressed in overalls and started out. He found out that one person in every 42 would offer him a ride in his car. He discovered that by lying by the side of the road as though wounded, that one driver out of eight would stop to offer aid. He had one cup of coffee offered him while on the entire trip and fourteen offered him a drink of liquor. It would appear that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was a better road for the unfortunate to travel over 1900 years ago than the road from Jersey City to Columbus in the year 1925. The Jersey preacher was held up and robbed four times on the trip, while the man who lay beside the Jericho road was only robbed once and only two out of three passed him by while he lay wounded.—Sturgeon Leader.

DEALING IN GRAIN  
FUTURES CRITICISED

Washington, September 20.—Criticism of the practice of buying and selling grain for future delivery was expressed today by the Federal Trade Commission in its sixth report on the grain trade situation.

Although the procedure has been defended by many elements of the trade as a price stabilizer, the commission's report declared the data studied "do not indicate that future prices are especially stable, and the technical conditions of future trading appear to cause some fluctuations in price that would not otherwise occur."

A similar contention has been voiced by representatives of the farmer and grain producer. The report declared that one of the most important and significant facts, statistically demonstrated, is the downward bend of the futures market.

"An extensive comparison of price data," it continued, "for various grains and options over many years, shows that on the average, there is a definite tendency for the future price in the earlier months of trading, perhaps nine months ahead of delivery, to fall short of the price subsequently attained just before or during the month of delivery."

"In other words, the tendency of the future price is to understate the ultimate price. This is true merely in a large majority but by no means in all of the instances dealt with. This bias of the futures market in the direction of low prices is in part explained by the weight of selling hedges during the heavy marketing season. But the prevalence of undue discounts or the downward base of forecasts at other seasons (as for example wheat in the spring before the opening of the new crop year when trades of hedges are more likely to be on the buying side), must be attributed to causes other than hedging pressure. The character of recent professional speculation is suggested as one of these factors."

"This bias of the future market operates especially to depress unduly the next crop options. The downward bias of the futures market in a large part explains the tendency of the future price to be at a discount below the cash price."

Every French mother and father of sons killed in the World War will wear a new commemorative medal designed by the Federation of Fathers and Mothers of those who died for France. The medal is of silver and bronze, bearing the head of a soldier with a black band of mourning and two stripes of red, for blood, and on the head a crown of thorns and laurel to symbolize martyrdom and glory.

HAGENBECK-WALLACE IN  
POPLAR BLUFF SEPT. 30

There is something about the knowledge that a circus is coming that gives practically everyone, be it man, woman or child, a "thrill" not produced by any other attraction. And during the past few years in man portions of the country, there have been movements started to censor the moving pictures of the drama, there has been no cry about a censor for the big circuses. Circus men say the reason is "There is no Hollywood among the big shows, like the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace."

Lovers of good clean amusement, who are also interested in the youth of the nation, realize that Circus Day is the day of all days for Young America. Particularly is this true when the Carl Hagenbeck-Great-Wallace-Circus, known for many generations as the peer of white top shows make its coming known. The very name is synonymous with cleanliness and tented delight. And when the big parade, more than a mile in length, comes down the street, there is no resisting the circus atmosphere. It is just as much American, as the national pastime, baseball. Red-blooded, and clean to the core, both of them.

That is why, when the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus comes to Poplar Bluff for two performances on September 30 it is safe to say that a majority of the residents of this city, as well as surrounding towns and villages will "answer the call."

Many new features, never before offered the public, have been engaged for the 1925 trans-continental tour and the management claims to have the best program in the history of this great wild animal show.

DECLINE SHOWN IN  
COTTON SPINNING

Washington, September 19.—Cotton spinning activity had a further decline in August as compared with July, but was greater than in August, last year, the census bureau's monthly report today shows.

Active spindle hours for August numbered 6,954,413,849 or at an average of 184 hours per spindle in place, compared with 7,297,648,494, or at an average of 192 for July this year, and 5,399,549,661, or an average of 143 for August, last year.

The D. A. R. plans to make the Indian fete an annual event.

Teepees, war whoop, squaws and braves—on the Malone lawn Thursday evening.

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EGGS AND TOMATOES  
FOR GEN. MULCAHY

New York, September 18.—Having been welcomed to the United States by a mob of Irish Republican sympathizers who hurled rotten eggs, tomatoes and sticks, Gen. Richard Mulcahy, former commander of the Irish Free State army, and four companions are here on their way to the interparliamentary union at Washington.

The General and his party were attacked by surprise last night when they disembarked from the liner President Roosevelt at Hoboken, N. J. Punched in the face and kicked on the legs, Mulcahy was almost knocked from his feet before he left the gang plank.

A crowd of more than 100 persons, mostly women, scattered the friendly welcoming party with shouts of "black and tans". The dock police were powerless. Several eggs and tomatoes hit the General. One of his party was gashed above the eye by a stick. Others were severely pummelled.

Banners inscribed "Mulcahy, murdered!" "Mulcahy, perjurer," and "Mulcahy, traitor," were flaunted everywhere. One banner bore the inscription: "George Washington and Eamonn De Valera Benedict Arnold and Mulcahy". Another said: "If Emmet had not been executed in 1803 Mulcahy would have executed his in 1923".

A woman pinned a Union Jack on the General's coat lapel. A riot call finally brought police reserves. The visitors were rushed to a taxicab and taken across the river to New York. Three men and two women were arrested. They said they were Michael Quilty, Jersey City; Thomas Reilly, Brooklyn; Patrick Keenan, Miss Alice Tennyson and Miss Alice Skeller, all of New York.

Part of the crowd collected about Hoboken police headquarters where the prisoners were taken. A woman explained that they had planned a "pink tea" for the General and wanted to have a hearse ready but the ship came in 20 hours ahead of schedule. She said republican sympathizers also had planned to have an airplane circle the ship as it steamed into the harbor flying a banner inscribed "Mulcahy, responsible for 77 murders".

Other Irish delegations to the interparliamentary union arriving with

Gen. Mulcahy were Michael Hayes, speaker of the Dail; Thomas Johnson, leader of the Irish labor party; Patrick McGilligan, minister of commerce, and Sir Thomas Gratton, Esmonde, Bart.

KROGER SELLING STOCK  
TO EMPLOYEES

The officers and directors of the Kroger Grocery and Banking Company are offering to sell common stock to its employees at \$95 a share. This proposition has been put into effect in order to develop the greatest personal interest of its employees to the ward the greatest development of the company and to reward them in direct proportion to the success of the company.

Approximately 10,000 employees in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and West Virginia will have the opportunity to purchase under this plan.

Payments on the basis of \$1.35 per share per month over a period of 6 years makes it possible for practically every member of the organization to become a partner in the business.

Managers of Grocery and Meat Departments under this arrangement, will have a personal and greater interest in the success and development of their individual store than ever before.

There have been large sales in this stock at around \$125.00 per share on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

You and your squaw should go Thursday night.

Springfield, September 17.—Miss Mary Williams Smith entered the Springfield Business College this morning for the stenographic course. She is a graduate of the Sikeston grade and high school, and attended one year at the State Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau. She is the daughter of W. S. Smith of Sikeston.

FAIR CATALOGS MAY BE SE-  
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The premium lists of the Southeast Missouri District Fair are out and large numbers of them have been sent to neighboring towns. Anyone in Sikeston desirous of reading all about the wonderful prizes offered for agricultural, poultry and home economics displays, should call at The Standard office for a catalog. There are plenty of them and are here for the asking.

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## BILIOUSNESS

Retired Minister Tells How He Keeps in Good Form With the Assistance of Black-Draught.

West Graham, Va.—The Rev. Lewis Evans, a well-known retired minister, now past 80, living here, has a high opinion of Black-Draught, which he says he has taken when needed, for 25 years. "For years I had been suffering with my liver," he says. "Sometimes the pain would be very intense and my back would hurt all the time. Black-Draught was the first thing I found that would give me any relief."

"My liver has always been sluggish. Sometimes it gives me a lot of trouble. I have suffered a lot with it—pains in my side and back, and bad headache, caused from extreme biliousness. "After I found Black-Draught, I would begin to take it as soon as I felt a spell coming on and it relieved the cause at once. I can recommend it to anybody suffering from liver trouble. A dose or two now and then keeps me in good form."

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### CATTLEMEN OF COAST SEE ALASKAN MARCH

Olympia, Wash., September 19.—Cattle and sheepmen, ever forced westward by tillers of the soil and builders of cities, soon will make their last trek. The final march will take them within the shadow of the Far East.

The open cattle country of the old west is gone, but the islands off Alaska offer the last free range and the settlement of the new cowboy land is predicted within the next year or two.

The new roundup country lies on the islands just to the eastward of the Alaskan peninsula in the vicinity of Kodiak Island and is part of the territory of Alaska.

Warmed by the Japanese current, which gives them a mild climate the year round, lush grasses grow waist high in their rich soil, while cool, clear streams insure ample water supply for herds of cattle or droves of sheep. Government figures show that in 35 years the lowest temperature on any of these islands was two degrees above zero. The islands are rolling, possessing high bluffs and deep valleys. Some are partially wooded, others bear scrubby tree life. Sitkalilah is 25 miles long an eight miles wide, containing 250,000 acres of grazing land.

Numerous cattlemen and sheep owners have visited the north recently with a view of transferring livestock there. The shipping problem is not difficult, for ocean freight charges are lower than railroads.

Cattlemen whose herds are growing too large for the diminishing range look with favor on the off coastal domains. One sheepman purchased in Oregon some scrip issued to Civil War veterans, which was exchanged for public land in Alaska. Over 5000 sheep occupy his range on Umnak Island and 600 bales of wool came from there this spring.

### DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES STATE FINANCES FOR 1924

Washington, D. C., September 21.—The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1924.

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of Missouri for the fiscal year ending 31, 1924, amounted to \$27,358,399, or \$7.92 per capita. This includes \$5,776,304, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1923 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$7.18, and in 1917, \$3.31. The interest on debt amounted to \$1,676,433; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$18,744,751. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments, interest and outlays were \$47,779,583. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$20,734,624 was for highways, \$2,805,480 being for maintenance and \$17,929,144 for construction.

The total revenue receipts of Missouri for 1924 were \$31,392,534, or \$9.09 per capita. This was \$2,357,702 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$16,387,409 less than the total payments including these for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property and special taxes represented 34.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 38.4 per cent for 1917, and 36.3 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 145.6 per cent from 1917 to 1923, but there was a decrease of 6.1 per cent from 1923 to 1924. The per capita property and special taxes were \$3.16 in 1924, \$3.37 in 1923, and \$1.40 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 24.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 24.2 per cent for 1923, and 35.3 per cent for 1917.

Business and non-business licenses constituted 22.0 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 20.3 per cent for 1923, and 22.9 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from non-business licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Missouri on December 31, 1924, was \$43,240,229, or \$12.51 per capita. In 1923 the per capita debt was \$9.32, and in 1917, \$2.01.

The increase in debt was due to bond issues of \$10,000,000 for road fund and \$3,600,000 for soldiers' bonus.

These bond issues are reflected in the increased payments for highway

construction and in the increased expenses of maintenance and operation for 1924 over those for 1923.

Jefferson City, September 18.—A move by the State Highway Commission to obtain the dismissal of the Fulton road injunction suit holding up construction on Highway No. 2, the Kansas City-St. Louis "airline" road, was made in the Cole County Circuit Court yesterday.

Newton D. Wilder, Kansas City, attorney for the commission, filed a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction granted August 20, and made returnable for hearing at the November term of court.

Judge Henry Westhus said he would hear the motion to dissolve the suit on September 22.

It is contended in the motion that the 18 Callaway County residents who signed the injunction petition have no rights in the matter, and that only the Attorney-General has power to act in such matters. The motion also contends that the highway commission had authority to change the route of the highway.

Attorney-General Otto joined with the highway commission in filing today's motion.

The name of United States Senator James A. Reed of Kansas City, is also affixed to the motion of the commission as an attorney.

The motion also alleges that there is no danger of any "imminent damages" to the injunctioners and states that the damages is, instead, to the Commission and to the people of the State, who will be deprived of the road. It was planned to complete the highway in 1926, but the suit, unless disposed of quickly, will postpone its completion until 1927. The motion asserts. The road is a part of a direct national highway from New York to San Francisco and should be completed as soon as possible, it is pointed out.

The Callaway County injunctioners have no rights, the motion holds, but adds the petitioners "slept on any rights" they might have had. Public hearings were held by the Highway Commission July 25, 26, 27, 1922, it is added, and Callaway County was represented, but no complaint was made then over changing the road. The changed designation was known then, the motion declares, and "ev-

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By Shaik McDermott

"Red sometimes wins; black sometimes wins; but white (blanc) wins always. That's how he summed it up". That's the way Francois Blanc waited, crook, millionaire and Prince of Chance, put his life into a pun and a phrase. It was this man who, from the bleak rocks of Monaco and from man's irresistible craving to gamble gold, welded glowing, burning Monte Carlo. The life of Blanc, the adventurer, is the real romance of Monte Carlo. The gambling, the suicides, the glamorous pace of life in the furious little municipality by the blue sea—that is humdrum, prosaic, the business end. In this one man's spectacular career (he rose from a prison cell to a position of affluence equaled by few Europeans of his time) there is the true romance, the one colorful story of desperate, delirious Monte Carlo.

Meet, then, Monsieur Francois Blanc, gambler extraordinary.

When his destiny gave the first spin to the wheel, Blanc was a waiter. Nothing extra, he it understood, but just a simple garcon in one of the many little cafes which spring up like weeds along the cluttered byways of Paris. Even in this profession the future ruler of the gaming table was not content to accept the profits as they came naturally. It was a lifelong characteristic of Francois Blanc that he always insisted that there should be a percentage in favor of the dealer. So he took certain liberties with the accounts. The owner of the restaurant, entertaining as he did, a different philosophy of life, failed to appreciate his servant's astuteness. As a result M. Blanc severed connections with his employer rather suddenly, remembering as his point of final contact the well-shod boot of the restaurateur.

When he had picked himself up and re-adjusted his shabby attire, the millionaire-to-be was annoyed to learn upon investigation, that his sole capital with which to start anew his adventurous life was 20 francs and his personal liberty. He promptly gambled the former and risked the latter. A man of action, Blanc, and never a bit timid.

Right here, then, is the beginning of Francois Blanc's run of luck. On the gaming table of life he plunged his 20 francs and his skin. The wheel flickered and spun. Gamblers pressed around him. The croupier raked in the chips and paid them out. The game paced fast. Stakes mounted to the limit. And in the end, when all was counted up, Francois Blanc had won unlimited prestige and a cool four million dollars.

Mysteriously, it was, that the future king of Monte Carlo began his first paltry operations. Not entirely free of a certain tenderness which served to remind him of the recent leave-taking from his former employer, he directed his way toward the Paris Stock Exchange. His approach was not that of the conqueror—twenty francs on the Paris Bourse is like a thin dime entirely surrounded by Wall street; and many a waiter's skin went begging then, with or without an occupant.

But the man had an idea—the first of three, which were to lead him to fortune and to fame. It occurred with fatal results to so many others, that, if he could get advance information on the day's business, he could beat the market. Putting his head into operation he managed to

establish, at first on a modest scale, a system of semaphores by which he in Paris could be informed of prices outside before the knowledge became general on the exchange. Then, craftily and slowly, he began buying—just before prices soared; and selling—just before prices dropped. Gradually his operations increased in size, bit by bit he piled up his winnings, doubling and then redoubling. He was in a fair way to pick up all the loose money in Paris when they finally caught him. But he had salted away two hundred thousand francs.

Not a bad bet, that, for a beginner—a wager of twenty dishonest francs and a not particularly valuable skin which netted two hundred thousand francs of the realm. Of course, he lost custody of that skin of his for a short period of seven months. He was entertained in the Bastille at the expense of the French Government for that length of time. But he was well fed, he was securely situated, and he had managed to save one hundred thousand francs out of the expense of his trial. Accordingly he had won, and won well.

Francois Blanc, the waiter, had taken the first step toward his place in the sun. And he had accomplished what most gamblers dread—he had won his first bet.

As the great gray gates of the Bastille closed behind Blanc seven months later he stood once more in the streets of Paris facing an unknown future. In his hip pocket, however, he had the fat little roll of bills which was to be the beginning of his first million. Nurtured himself by greed and avarice, what more natural than that he should turn his narrow eyes toward greed and avarice for his livelihood? This he did.

At Homburg, in Bavaria, he was informed, a gambling concession might be established. The local situation was ripe for such an operation and, of course, all Europe was waiting to throng to an attractive resort. To Homburg went Francois Blanc, the waiter, and with his treasured funds and with that zeal and energy which ever characterized his life, he found a magnificent casino and called the world to come and play. This was the second of the fortunate ideas which were to shape his life so well.

He prospered. He sat back and watched his fortune grow. His fame spread abroad over Europe. The gentility flocked to his tables and rubbed elbows with the demimonde. Famous gamblers heard the call and came to try their luck. Everyone had a pleasant time. It was all very amusing. But the outgoing trains rarely carried away a sou that belonged to Francois Blanc. There was quite simply, a competent percentage in favor of the dealer.

But one day, upon the quiet, almost unobtrusive entrance of a tall man in a deep black cloak, there was an unusual stir in the gaming rooms. Of firm chiseled face was he, with heavy eyebrows and an arched mustache. Without a gesture he took a chair at the first table and carelessly bet the highest stake allowed. Rumor ran twisting through the excited rooms and finally found its way to Francois Blanc in his secluded office. Without a word Blanc strode straight to the table and, displacing the croupier, sat down to match his thousands against the skill of this intrepid stranger. It was Fernando Garcia, most famous gambler in Europe, who had come to play.

In the gambling houses of the

world they still talk about that first meeting between Garcia and Blanc—"first", because they were to meet later at Monte Carlo and there was to be a different ending to the game. But this time Garcia had the luck. The hopping, spinning little white ball followed his bets with remarkable precision. Packed into a dense crowd, Garcia, gazing calmly through the smoke haze of his cigarette, directed his play. Across the board Blanc, trembling now at the enormity of his losses, guided the wheel with shaking hand.

For three days the play continued. At the end of that time Garcia had won 3,000,000—francs—\$600,000. Blanc, nearing the end of his resources, rushed to Paris and by furious bartering and pleading, raised more capital and hurried back to Homburg, only to find that, in the night, Garcia had silently departed with his winnings. Rarely is a man able to leave the table when luck is smiling upon him. But Garcia seemed, then, to be the exception.

"From this day on", he said, "I quit".

Blanc was, of course, furious. "He will come back", he remarked; "they always do".

And Garcia did. But that story comes later.

It was at this time that Monsieur Blanc, stirred by repeated reports to the effect that his gambling concession in Homburg was to be canceled, began to look around for a more secure world to conquer. His eye fell upon Monte Carlo, then a bleak and desolate rock in a paltry and poverty-stricken municipality. Having surveyed the ground carefully and having disregarded the general opinion that he was rushing in where even fools would fear to tread, Blanc began the erection of the present Monte Carlo. This was the third fortunate idea which came to the ex-waiter and made him millionaire and Prince of Chance.

Once again he plunged. Taking his entire capital in hand he slapped it on the bare rock of Monaco—to win. He called upon French architects, Scotch landscape gardeners, decorators and artisans of every race. He built a magnificent casino, churches, palatial hotels, and all the paraphernalia of a glittering resort dedicated to the whimsical god of luck. He risked everything. He bet like mad. Temporary defeat quickened him; momentary success intoxicated him. With the gesture of the born gambler he swept his entire fortune down to the last sou onto that one number—MONTE CARLO. And when the wheel of fate had spun, and when Time, the grim croupier, had counted out all the bets—Francois Blanc had made his greatest winning. In his made little principality by the blue sea he stood all-powerful, fabulously wealthy, and the true son of gamblers' fame.

Then Garcia came back. True, he had not meant to, had fought against the ceaseless craving which, once entered into the spirit of man, grows like a gnawing thing in his vitals until at last it breaks forth in the most reckless splurge of all. So he was back, this made gambler Garcia. And Francois Blanc, the little ex-waiter, now the important proprietor of the great Casino, came himself, replacing the croupier, as once before, to match his thousands against the skill of this stranger, Garcia.

There they sat, long sworn enemies, each seeking the other's ruin. Garcia—old, wrinkled, bent like monkey, parchment skin hanging in droop-

ing folds from his long face, his slender brown hands quietly placing the stakes upon the little squared-in numbers. Blanc—outwardly smiling, cool, nerveless, with his pert moustache and his gleaming eyes; but inside himself, fearful for the last time, for the last time timid—still the waiter.

The wheel spun, the clicking little ball of white ivory hopped nimbly over the spokes, each time with thousands on its back. The crowd about the table murmured and whispered as it edged nearer the green cloth. The droning monotone voice of the croupier carried inevitably on in the listless air: "Faites vos jeux, messieurs et mesdames". Garcia tossed a chip to a page for luck. Blanc was mesmerized by the spinning wheel. The croupier droned: "Rien ne va plus".

It was over at last. Garcia left the tables without a sou. Blanc sat back in his secluded office and smiled the smile of final victory over his bitter enemy, over chance, over all the greed and avarice of men which had made him powerful. There had been, as usual, a percentage in favor of the dealer.

Only once more did Garcia ever return to the casino. He had borrowed ten francs from a chambermaid. The gendarme at the door was explicit.

"My orders", he said, "are not to admit you to the rooms again, monsieur".

There was, you may be sure, a Madame Blanc. She had been a servant girl in Homburg, where the reputation of being an eminent financier had cleansed Francois Blanc of his prison scars. This choice young lady had been—what shall we say?—an admirer of the famous gambler. And one day she had walked into his private office and offered him her hand in marriage—a strong right hand, at that precise moment clutching a revolver.

Blanc had not hesitated. The church, fortunately, was near at hand.

And now, at Monte Carlo, he had cause to realize that no spin of the wheel had ever been so kind to him as was that chance which made him a husband by force. For, this former servant girl took charge of the magnificent Hotel de Paris at the resort and by a deal of hard work and not a little of pure genius converted it into as respected an hostelry as graced the Continent. She managed it well. The gambler temporarily out of funds was never pressed for his bill—if Madame felt sure there was more money to come from home. Her sympathy and kindness to visitors was no mean factor in the process of detaining the goose until the operation of plucking had been completed.

But Madame Blanc (remarkable woman!) had her ambitions. Wealth was hers; but not, it is necessary to add, position. Why it is that the gentry have a distaste for those who have risen splendidly from the kitchen sink has never been fully determined, even in America, where the kitchen undoubtedly have it. So that Madame Blanc was not received into what had the temerity in Monte Carlo to call itself "the best society".

The Prince of Monaco showed a peculiar wariness to the ambitious pursuit of Blanc's energetic spouse. And the lesser titles who were ever eager to crowd the gaming rooms always developed prior engagements when a party chez Blanc was announced.

However, the worst was yet to come. The army of Monaco refused to salute her. In tears she informed her husband of this gross insult. And Francois, always capable, discharged the army and hired a new one. (This procedure required merely a change in fifty employees). To this day the Casino supports the military. Not to mention the churches which preach against it and the theatres which draw crowds from it. This ex-waiter, you see, know how to be magnanimous—if it paid.

Realizing at last that social pretension was for her an impossibility, Madame Blanc made up her firm little mind, that her daughters, of whom there were two, should be well married. And by well married she meant royalty! Accordingly, the wheels of this new game were set spinning. An advertising manager was hired in the form of a woman who guaranteed to corral Princes at ten thousand francs per. Her final bill was twenty thousand even.

The two new members of the family founded by an ex-waiter and an ex-cook were Prince Roland Bonaparte of France and Prince Constantine Radziwill of Wurtemberg. Thus was the life of Francois Blanc climaxed. In his unprecedented rise he must have outdone even his own ambitions. For on that long-past day when he had his first ambitious idea, when he plunged his pny twenty francs and his worthless skin on the Paris Stock Exchange, little could he have imagined the position he would occupy a few years later. If this man ever had dreams they must have all come true. If he ever nourished hopes they must all

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have bloomed and blossomed before his very eyes. He could not have hoped for anything in life which was not eventually brought by humble servants of the god of luck and laid at his feet. When Francois Blanc quit the world, he left his wife in possession of the wealthiest gambling casino known to the modern world; he left his daughters married to Princes; and he left in cold cash four million dollars. Who can dispute that there is a percentage in favor of the dealer?

He has been dead now thirty years, has Francois Blanc. Still, after the day's play is through, the lights are out, and all the frenzied crowd has gone away, and the echo of madness has been hushed, perhaps then the shade of Francois Blanc comes flitting back to pace those darkened rooms. Perhaps he stops before the table where the play has been the highest and perhaps he studies carefully the wheel, the cloth, the position of the chairs, as in flesh he studied them when Garcia sat down opposite. Nothing escapes those ghostly eyes—stooping, he picks up a five-franc chip someone has dropped there and forgotten. A weird sigh of satisfaction as he put it in the pocket of his shabby coat. Then, snacking his lips in silent satisfaction, he trundles off into the shadows. Still the soul of a waiter!

### The Parched Woods of Missouri

Journeying in the southern part of the state, one sees strange woodland scenes. Here and there are trees, and whole groups of trees, whose leaves are entirely dead. The tops of others are blazed with brown. Most numerous on hilltops, promontories and forest borders, they attract the eye in the surrounding greenery, and diminish as the traveler goes north.

It is as if the effects of autumn were felt prematurely while summer's heat is still intense, transforming many trees to October's colors of red and brown, withering their leaves, practicing in particular regions of the woods the artistry that is soon to change their entire dress and appearance. Yet there could be no mistake as to the cause of this untimely coloring. The dead leaves of early September, often covered with dust from fields or roadways, are plainly not of the happy company of leaves in autumn's brilliant cloak. Theirs is a depressing picture. The

drought, which has dried up pastures, stopped or weakened the flow of many springs, emptied many cisterns and often made it necessary to haul water over long distances, has likewise brought this change of scenery. Perhaps some of the trees that appear to have been killed will renew their green foliage next spring when moisture freely pierces their roots, but others are surely dead. And their death is one of the meanest tricks of the drought, indicating its extremes better than the dry beds of small streams and ponds or the dryness of

roads and fields. It should also give a sharp warning against carelessness that would prove much more damaging to Missouri forests, as to those similarly affected in a number of other states. A carelessly thrown match or cigarette would send a destructive fire leaping through the forests rendered crisp and dry by long absence of rainfall.—Globe-Democrat.

Roger Bailey went to Oxford, Ind., Saturday. He and Mrs. Bailey will return home this week.

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## SEMO FAIR TO HAVE MANY FREE STUNTS

The management of the Southeast Missouri District Fair has secured an unusually large number of good free attractions this year. Not content with getting a crowd out for the fireworks, the agricultural and home economics displays and the large carnival attractions, they have not spared either work or expense in free grandstand stunts.

To begin with, there is the boxing kangaroo, one of the most novel animal acts on the road. The Gordon Brothers own "Bob" and he is six feet of the largest, performingest, boxingest quadruped you ever saw. He has been trained in a prize ring and does three rounds with Joe Gordon every day. He actually stands on his tail in delivering one of his blows. He'll take your breath to look at him, so you will surely feel sorry for Joe, who bears the brunt of his battling, punching fists.

Then there is Frank Silvas, Spanish daredevil. No, not at bull-fighting, but something far more sensational. For he climbs to the peak of a 70-foot tapering steel pole and swings back and forth in a circle of death. He has performed before crowds in the principal cities of Europe. For years his was a leading act with Barnum-Bailey Ringling Bros. Circus.

But the stunt list would not be complete, if it did not include at least one contortion act. So at the Fair, there will be Bob and Olive Nelson, who do sensational stunts on a flying ladder.

On Wednesday and Thursday a large army dirigible, under Col. Pagelow, will be in the centerfield. This is a special concession to the management of the Fair by the officers at Scott Field. This great air giant will be anchored in the centerfield for visitors' inspection. It's a chance for you as well as the children to learn about the future modes of travel. Think of it, your great-grandfather thought flying was only for birds. Today it is almost as common as walking.

And of course, the automobile shows of almost every known make. And four Fords will be given away. And the Theatre-Duffield Fireworks every night. Oh yes, one of the fireworks creations is to be a burlesque on the autoist and his fears of a speed cop.

In fact, the list of free performances is so complete that visitors to Sikeston will need all eyes. Two ordinary human ones will not be enough. To see it all, everybody is advised to bring his spectacles. It will take four eyes and then some to take it all in.

## STORM INTERRUPTS ELECTRIC SERVICE SUNDAY

On Sunday night a severe lightning storm near Chaffee exploded insulators on the electric transmission line. This momentarily interrupted the lighting service several times, when finally it failed entirely until a supply could be received from Poplar Bluff and Charleston plants.

Electric company linemen patrolled the line in the rain storm which continued nearly all night, finally locating the trouble and making repairs about 3 o'clock the next morning.

## Morrison-Kizer

A wedding which came as a surprise to a large number of friends, was that of Miss Fleta Joe Kizer to Mr. Howard E. Morrison, which occurred at Jackson, Saturday, September 19. The young people will make their home with the groom's parents temporarily.

Mrs. Morrison is the attractive daughter of Mrs. W. A. Haman. She was educated in the Sikeston public school and attended the Cape Teachers' College. For the past three years she has taught at Fairview and other county schools.

Mr. Morrison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrison and has built up a large insurance and realty business in this section. He was graduated from the Sikeston High School and attended the University of Illinois during the student war training period.

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## PROGRAM PLANNED FOR D. A. R. FETE

An unusually good musical program, as well as good eats have been planned for the second annual Indian fete to be held by the local chapter of the D. A. R. Thursday evening, starting at 5:30. The patrons are urged to come prepared to buy their supper, as there will be booths of all kinds. Hamburgers, sandwiches, pie, coffee, cake, candy and other confectioneries are being provided for sale.

There will also be a fortune-telling booth, where secrets of the future will be revealed for a bit of silver.

The program will consist in general, of the following numbers:

Indian folk stories—Miss Helen Hess.

Vocal music—Miss Emma Morehead and Miss Ruth Wilkerson.

Piano selections—Miss Dorothy Lillard.

Violin numbers—Mrs. Carl Freeman.

Indian dance by children under the direction of Miss Lillard.

Music by an orchestra composed of Mrs. Freeman, Miss Irene Caldwell, Ray Hudson, Jean Hirschberg, Paul Slinkard, Herman Smith, Luke Baker and Mr. Jacobs, will be rendered during the evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event, which will be held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Malone. The affair is arranged for the benefit of the organization's State educational fund.

## OFFICER CHARLES CLARK BURIED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Charles W. Clark, who was accidentally killed near the Frisco station Wednesday evening, were held at 3:30 Friday afternoon at the residence at Maud and Northwest St. The Rev. E. B. Henaley officiated and interment was in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Mr. Clark, who was born in Mexico, Mo., March 7, 1868, came to Sikeston when he was twenty-one years old and except for short periods had made his home here since. At three different times he served on the city police force. He was well-known as a good farmer. For the past three years he was keeper of the Fair Grounds, but last year spent three months in Florida. About a month ago, he was again employed by the city, this time as night patrolman.

At the time of his death all of Mr. Clark's relatives were away. Mrs. Clark being in St. Louis visiting her daughter. Besides his widow, four children survive him. He married Miss Emma Russell soon after coming to Sikeston. To this union were born Charles W. Clark, who died while in the United States army during the influenza epidemic, Ernest Clark of St. Louis, Mrs. Clara Shanks who died some years ago and Mrs. Coquella Jennings of Indianapolis. R. J. Clark of St. Louis survives him from his second marriage. The present Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Isabel Gossett of Big Prairie Township in New Madrid County. She has one daughter, Mrs. E. T. Pitman of St. Louis, with whom she plans to make her home.

Other relatives who attended the funeral were a brother, James Clark and his son, Thomas Clark. Two brothers, one of Louisiana and one of Pocatontas, Ill., also survive.

ST. LOUIS NEGRO FINED  
FOR STEALING CLOTHING

A clean shirt and a pair of trousers were too big a temptation for Charles Bradley, St. Louis negro, who came here recently for cotton picking, and though he enjoyed the luxury of wearing them for a few hours he was arrested and fined in Judge W. S. Smith's court Friday, after he had appropriated them.

Bradley went to the home of Chas. S. Tanner on Tanner Street, Friday and asked for work. A negro woman in the kitchen later missed the clothing from the fresh laundry in the laundry house and fearing that she would be held responsible for them, came to town, found them and had him arrested.

Mrs. Alfred Sikes, Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mrs. J. S. Kevil and Mrs. Paul Anderson spent Monday in Cape Girardeau.



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Orlando Arthur left Monday for Chicago for a week.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and sons, who went to San Diego, Calif., some weeks ago, are expected home Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur De Schmidt of Oshkosh, Wis., are here to spend the week with Mrs. De Schmidt's mother, Mrs. J. B. Randol. They drove down in their auto.

Miss Bonnie Keith was hostess to a few friends at dinner Sunday evening at East Prairie. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman, Miss Ruth Wilkerson, John Fox and Jules Taylor.

Much complaint is heard from some of our smaller cotton raisers on account of bidding up the price of cotton pickers by cotton raisers, who are more fortunate financially. It looks like some reasonable price for cotton picking in Southeast Missouri should be arrived at and no more paid. When a man pays more than \$1.50 per cwt. for picking cotton, he can make but little profit after other expenses are deducted. The same condition existed last season and the Golden Rule was thrown to the winds when it came to taking their neighbors' cotton pickers away from them.

Cullen-White

The marriage of Miss Kate Cullen, sister of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, to Mr. J. Raymond White, was solemnized in Washington, D. C., at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 22. They will make their home in Washington after a trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. White is chief of the Sixth Auditors office of the Treasury Department. Mrs. White is the oldest sister of Mrs. Blanton and has visited in Missouri.

Tom Frank, of Detroit, who has been visiting his son here, has been ill since Thursday.

John Twitty, out on the Phil Gervig farm southwest of Sikeston, has 125 acres of exceptionally good corn that is estimated to make 50 bushels or better to the acre. Thirty-five acres of cotton read to pick is also on this farm.

Jeff Spelling, colored, was picked up by Officer King for driving a car without either license or light. A fine of \$1 and costs was assessed by Judge Smith. The same officer arrested Robert Moore, a white man, for being drunk. He was likewise fined \$1 and costs.

Mrs. F. S. Winford, Mrs. A. B. Skillman, Misses Thelma Shy and Helen Grojan drove to Charleston Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. P. Crowe, of Poplar Bluff, Miss Susie Hay and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown and son of Charleston, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, Sunday.

Craven Watkins has begun to gather corn on the Watkins farm near Vanduser. A measured acre gave them around 70 bushels. They were surprised and pleased with their corn.

Since we are casting about for a new industry for Poplar Bluff, why not a farm planted to fig trees. No, honey, not for the fruit, but for the leaves. The Paris mode makers are responsible for the situation.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

County Agent Renner was in Monday morning and told of passing three automobiles parked along Kingshighway north of Sikeston with no lights fore nor aft. He said it was almost a miracle why he didn't hit one of the cars, as he pulled around one and almost into another one. He likewise thinks wagons at night should carry a light in order to let autoists know that someone was ahead.

## BULLDOGS PLAY FIRST GAME FRIDAY

Friday afternoon, September 25, at 3 p. m., the Sikeston High football team, alias the Bulldogs, venture into to play the first game of the 1925 season, when they stage a battle with the Chaffee eleven.

The Bulldogs have in the last three weeks, put in many hours of labor and are determined to do or be done.

From all reports to date, the opposing eleven are coming loaded for dog. In fact, Coach Meier of the Chaffee eleven, has developed a team to play the strongest in the country. But the Bulldogs can carry the banner to a big victory.

Capt. Trousdale says that he has a progressive team and only needs the support of Sikeston.

The following will probably make the line-up for Friday's game:

Backfield, R. Marshall, Capt. Trousdale, Fox and Smith; line, center, H. Marshall; guards, Keasler, Cantrell; tackles, Baker, Albright; ends, C. Marshall, I. Randolph. Substitutes: Miller, Reed, Mount, Baker.

As you see most of the above are letter men and will make a good showing this season.

Results of the league meeting:

Sikeston did not join the league and under various condition have no games with Jackson or Cape Girardeau. The teams were divided into two sections, north and south, with highway No. 16 as the boundary.

It is believed that the championship will be between Sikeston and Charleston and be played on Turkey Day.

The support is asked of Sikeston for the Bulldogs.

## BODY OF FRED KAYLOR SHIPPED TO ILLINOIS

The body of Fred Kaylor, who died at his home on Taylor Ave. at 12 o'clock Saturday night after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia, was shipped to West Frankfort, Ill., Monday morning. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with interment at the Denning Cemetery.

Mr. Kaylor, with his family, has lived in Sikeston for little over a year. He is survived by his wife and four sons, the eldest of whom, Weldon Kaylor, lives at West Frankfort, where the entire family formerly resided.

Mr. Kaylor was 45 years old, having been born March 15, 1880. He was employed before his illness, at the Young Lumber Yard. He suffered from tuberculosis before his last illness.

## H. B. ST. CLAIR DIED LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Funeral services for Henry Butler St. Clair, who died at his home on Greer Avenue at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, were conducted by the Rev. Hebner at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment was in Memorial Park.

Mr. St. Clair, who was born January 30, 1875, has been ill for a long time of tuberculosis. Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ina St. Clair, Mrs. Barney Dubois and Mrs. Willie Thompson, all of Sikeston, one brother, who lives in Indianapolis and a sister in Illinois.

Mrs. Frank Van Horne and baby daughter returned from St. Louis on Sunday night.

The heavy rain of Sunday night was an unwelcome visitor in this section as cotton is open and ready for the pickers. The continued rains will greatly damage this staple.

Dr. J. H. Yount and Joe Stubbs drove to St. Louis Sunday, where Joe went for a consultation with a specialist. He has been in poor health for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henson are home from a two months' stay in Detroit. They enjoyed their visit to that city very much as well as the drive to and from in their auto. They report good roads all along.

Rev. T. B. Mather went to St. Louis Friday to meet Mrs. Mather and their baby, who have spent the summer in Michigan. Mrs. Mather and the little girl, who is entirely restored to health, will not return to Sikeston during the last two weeks before the conference meets.

## COUNCIL VOTES TO HOLD BOND ELECTION

The sanitary sewer system plans of the Berthe-Wilcox Engineering of St. Louis were accepted by the City Council at a special meeting Friday night and an election for the selling of \$82,000 city bonds was ordered advertised for October 20. This action of the Council at last puts the proposed sanitary sewer system on the list of actual city improvements.

The election will be advertised immediately as the bonds have to be voted on before any contract can be let. The city polls were designated as follows: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, Boyer's Garage; Ward 3, Superior Garage; Ward 4, E. C. Robinson Lbr. Co.

Officers for the election are: Ward 1—Judges: Ranney Applegate and Harry Smith; Clerks, Mrs. John Fisher and Miss Abbie Morrison.

Ward 2—Judges: Harry Dover and Charles Hebbeler; Clerks, Mrs. Albert Shields and Mrs. F. H. Smith.

Ward 3—Judges: T. F. Henry and Lee Bowman; Clerks, Fred Schorle and Lyle Malone.

Ward 4—Judges: C. C. Buchanan and Earl Pate; Clerks, Mrs. Robert Mow and Mrs. J. M. Pitman.

At the request of a number of city taxi operators, the license fee was raised to \$25 payable by the year. Heretofore it has been \$20, payable each six months.

## FAMILY WIPED OUT AT GRADE CROSSING

Kennett, Sept. 18.—An entire family was wiped out in a grade crossing accident on the Frisco Railroad at Udora, Mo., three miles south of Kennett, at 9:22 o'clock this morning. The dead are:

Sam Phillips, 60, of Jacksonville, Ark.

Mrs. Maude Phillips, 38, his wife. Their two children, Harold, 17, and Ruth, 12.

Sam Phillips died in a Blytheville, Ark., hospital today. Mrs. Phillips died at noon in Blytheville. The boy was dead when he was picked up and the girl lived only a short time after the accident.

The tragedy did not occur at a blind crossing, the track being visible for a quarter of a mile on both sides.

Phillips, with his wife, daughter and son, as passengers, was driving a Ford car north. A wagon had stopped on one side of the track to wait for the on-coming passenger train, which was running late. A truck had halted on the other side. Yet, Phillips, according to reports of trainmen, deliberately drove around the wagon and onto the track. There were screams and a crash.

Harold Phillips was dead when members of the train crew hurried back to the crossing. His sister died as she reached Kennett. No member of the family was in condition to tell how the accident occurred.

From letters found in the wreckage of the Ford car the Phillips are tho't to be cotton pickers who came to Missouri looking for work. Relatives live in Romabaur, Mo., and Jacksonville, Ark., according to the letter, but efforts to locate them had been unavailing late today.

## M. L. PRESSON, 68, NEAR MOREHOUSE DIED SUNDAY

Martin Luther Presson, who lived between here and Morehouse, died at his home at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, after a short illness with cerebral apoplexy. Mr. Presson is survived by his wife and three brothers.

He was 68 years of age, having been born June 12, 1857.

Interment and services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Dogwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie Pile of Howard County, Mo., was in Sikeston last week and paid the editor a visit. It was our first meeting for more than fifty years. Her husband was the Blanton family physician when living in Howard County in the late 1860. She was in Southeast Missouri for a visit with the family of her grandson, T. W. Pile, living on one of the L. M. Stallcup farms.

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## FOOTBALL LEAGUES FORMED SATURDAY

Football officials of thirteen high schools of Southeast Missouri met here Saturday for the purpose of forming a Southeast Missouri high school football league. The major work of the meeting was the formation of two leagues, northern and southern divisions of the section. The two divisions are as follows: Northern: Charleston, Cape Girardeau, Jackson and Perryville. Southern: Poplar Bluff, Dexter, Gideon, Malden, Kennett, Caruthersville, New Madrid, Senath and Cardwell.

Sikeston did not join the League for a number of reasons, chief of which is the general dissatisfaction of last year over games in which the local officials had tried to provide impartial rulings. Another reason is the fact that the Sikeston School Board is opposed to post-seasonal games with teams in this immediate section. Another potent factor in Sikeston's decision to play free-lance, according to Coach J. Herbert Moore, is the fact that Cape Girardeau is known to have imported three men from Kirkwood and Jackson three from Fulton. Sikeston officials are standing four-square against the use of ringers in high school athletics.

The rules of the two leagues formed Saturday provide that each team must play at least four games within its league to make it eligible for a league championship. The champions of the two divisions will meet in a post-seasonal game, deciding the entire Southeast Missouri championship.

Sikeston's choice in remaining out of the organization, leaves its team free to play teams in both divisions on whatever dates it chooses. It is also eligible for the championship of the entire section as in event it should defeat the leading teams of one division it will play the champion of the other.

Two changes have been made in the Sikeston schedule since it was published last week. Games have been arranged with Gideon here on October 16 and with Kennett here on October 30. These games supplant the ones scheduled with Jackson. The entire schedule is as follows:

SEPTEMBER 25—Chaffee at Sikeston.

OCTOBER 7—Sikeston at Charleston.

OCTOBER 16—Gideon at Sikeston.

OCTOBER 23—Sikeston at Gideon.

OCTOBER 30—Kennett at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 6—Caruthersville at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 11—Blytheville, Ark., at Sikeston.

NOVEMBER 20—Sikeston at New Madrid.

NOVEMBER 26—Turkey Day—Charleston at Sikeston.

The formation of the two divisions are not final and other teams are invited to join in time to book four games within their league.

### JUDGE KELLY TALKS ON IMPORTANCE OF CONSTITUTION

Jackson, September 19.—Circuit Judge Kelly has made plans to guarantee that when the next birthday of the American Constitution rolls around, next September 17, Cape Girardeau will pay proper notice to the occasion. He has named a committee to arrange for a program, following an impromptu gathering in court free, when he called attention to the fact that Americans are inclined to pay too little attention to the great document.

On the occasion of the constitution's birthday this week Judge Kelly called everyone around the courtroom in the courtroom and delivered a talk. He called attention to the fact that just 138 years ago the Constitution of the United States was adopted, and then read a few excerpts from speech or lecture delivered on this occasion two years ago by Judge Henry J. Hersey before the bar in his court in Denver, in which the judge called attention to the fact that we do not realize as American citizens just how important this event was to the well-being and safety of the United States and of the entire world.

The court then read some parts of a book, written by Elihu Root, dealing with the same subjects. In connection with these readings the court emphasized the fact that self-control is one of the first requisites of good citizenship, and that the Constitution of the United States is based on just that.

The court then suggested to the bar assembled that next year at this time, a proper and public observance of the occasion be held in this court house on this day, and then appointed a committee, consisting of T. D. Hines and Kenrick Burroughs, to take the arrangement of a program in hand, and then had the clerk of the court make the proper entries on the court's minute books. After a short talk by Judge Orren Wilson, the court began the day's work.

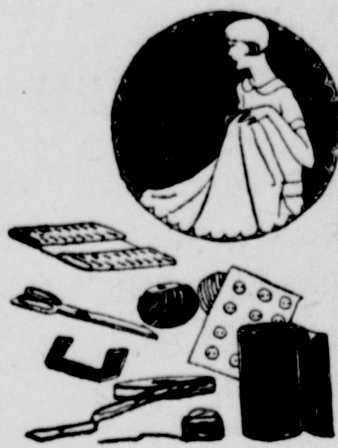
It was a solemn affair and was listened to attentively by the attorneys, the jurors and litigants as well as the spectators.

Lynn Smith left last Monday night for Booneville, Mo., where he is a student in the Kemper Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence and daughter, Misses Evelyn Sutton and Edna Chambliss and Aubrey Shain shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday night.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. L. S. Mitchell will leave Thursday for her home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Katherine Johnson has accepted a position at the Stubbs Motor Co.

Charlie Frank returned from the Cairo hospital Thursday afternoon, greatly improved after his operation.

F. D. Lair, Sr. and Henry Comer went to Paducah, Ky., Sunday to visit F. D. Lair, Jr., who is ill of malaria. Mr. Lair is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory returned last week from St. Louis, where Mr. Emory had been to take his wife to a doctor, and to purchase fall merchandise.

Mrs. Roy Owen and Mrs. Wes Depp were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Fred Dunn motored to Sikeston Thursday to take his little daughter to the doctor. She stuck a thorn in her foot two weeks ago and only a part of it was ever removed. The doctor removed the remaining part of the thorn.

Miss Phyllis Ball is very ill at this writing with typhoid.

W. H. Deane took Mrs. F. Bixler and children to see her daughter, Ida, who was operated on for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch and children left Thursday for Chicago, where they will reside in the future.

L. F. Swartz left Friday for Urbana, Ill., where he will enter the University for the winter.

Mrs. Maggie Hunott and son, Gobel Owing, of near La Forge spent the week-end here with friends.

Misses Marie and Mary Deane shipped in Sikeston, Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Critchlow took her little son to Sikeston Saturday, where he is taking violin lessons.

Roy Waters went to Sikeston Wednesday on business.

Ruby Jackson of Sikeston had business in Matthews last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy and children of Sikeston visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shelton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Koglin of Canolou spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Geo. Elderbrooks.

Mary Elizabeth Daugherty returned last week from Sikeston, where she has been with her aunts, Misses Betty and Mary Daugherty.

M. H. Sutton took Mr. Bixler to Cairo Sunday to get his daughter, Miss Ida, who was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavender shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Waters and Bert Gentry were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrest and children visited the latter's parents in Sikeston, Saturday.

Mrs. James Smith and son, Mrs. Cora Gossitt and little grandson, Aubrey Clarke, attended the funeral of Charles Clark, in Sikeston, Friday.

Miss Alice Deane left Monday for Cape Girardeau, where she will enter school for the winter.

Mrs. George Englehardt entertained several of her relatives from Mor-

ley with a dinner Sunday, complimentary to her husband's birthday. The dinner was a surprise to Mr. Englehardt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughter, Miss Aleta, attended the funeral of Charles Clark, in Sikeston, Friday.

#### Morehouse

Dan Mocabee is out and around again, after two months illness that has confined him to his bed.

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway left Saturday for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Horace Payne, in Kansas City.

Walter Mocabee's Chrysler coach was delivered to him the latter part of last week.

The Methodist Missionary Society held their all day meeting with Mrs. Dunaway on last Thursday. The day was spent in quilting and embroidering. The ladies are already making plans for the community fair, which will be held some time in November.

Dinner and supper were served and the ladies made \$35.83.

Dr. F. A. Elders and family drove to Big Springs near Van Buren Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. Ingram is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Pete Taylor. Mrs. Ingram was formerly Miss Eva Taylor.

Chas. Stubbs of Blodgett was here transacting business, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brasher of Festus have moved back to Blodgett. Mr. and Mrs. Brasher will be remembered by many Morehouse people, having lived here a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lowe, Jr. spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crumpecker near Canolou.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Masterson have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, who live in the Earl Fisher home.

Marvin Motley, who has been spending the summer with his aunt, Mrs. E. F. Walden, has returned to Petersburg, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Masterson spent Sunday with their son, Byron Masterson and their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Wallace.

Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Alice Porter are working in the new store here that has recently been opened by Charles Serenco, of St. Louis. Mr. Serenco will conduct a big sale for a week commencing Thursday.

The New Madrid County teachers will meet in a teachers meeting at New Madrid, Friday, September 25. Supt. Davis and Prof. Brice Edwards are on the program from Morehouse.

The Tigers will meet the Junior League champions, Diehlstadt, next Friday afternoon in the first football game of the season.

Mr. Lizzard of Sikeston, was arrested and fined \$40 for speeding in Morehouse last Saturday night. When brought before the police judge, he said his name was Lizzard, but he did not believe in crawling, at which the judge added five dollars to his fine. Lizzard sped through Morehouse at the rate of 40 miles an hour, disregarding stop signs. Marshall Headlee chased him in a car, but was unable to overtake him until he reached the sand hill near Sikeston. He brought him back to Morehouse and made him drive through town properly and then arraigned him before the judge.

Mrs. Harry Dudley shopped in the Cape, Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Purcell and children visited in Cape Girardeau, Friday.

A. C. Barrett returned Saturday afternoon from a week's vacation in St. Louis, driving back with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris, who returned from Alton, Ill.

The Standard gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a ticket to the Tokio Theatre for the evening of Monday, September 21, from the Bank of Morehouse. The theatre was leased for the entire week by merchants and business men of Morehouse for free performances before their customers in appreciation of their patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer went to St. Louis, Sunday.

Byron Bowman left Sunday for Chicago on business.

Joe Stubbs went to St. Louis Sunday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sutton spent Sunday afternoon at Chaffee.

The D. A. R. Indian fete will be held on the E. J. Malone lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey spent Thursday and Friday in Jefferson City.

Mrs. W. L. Grinstead of Cairo arrived Monday for a visit with the J. A. Young family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence and daughter and Miss Evelyn Sutton drove to Poplar Bluff Sunday.

Orders taken for ladies coats and dresses at Nina Smoot's store in the Gross Building, south of the shoe factory, 2t.

Mrs. Nina Smoot has recently leased half of the Gross building in the Chamber of Commerce Addition and is installing a complete line of dry goods this week. She will probably open for business next week.

Byron Crain has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been lined up with the volunteers as an out-fighter. He is well-pleased with his prospects with the Southern League team and is signed up with them for next season.

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### REVERSES ORDER

#### OF JUDGE FARIS

St. Louis, September 17.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today reversed a decision by Federal Judge Faris in which he relieved the county court of New Madrid County, of a contract to purchase \$700,000 worth of road materials from the Egyptian Gravel Company of Mount Vernon, Ill.

The court, although no question of jurisdiction was raised in the appeal, declared that the federal court was without jurisdiction and remanded the case to the state court.

Suit was brought by the Republican county court which alleged a contract was made by the court under Democratic control, tinged with politics. Judge Faris held that the contract was "not made in good faith or due consideration for the best interests of New Madrid County".

Inmates of British prisons entitled to have library books have been known to ask for text books on higher mathematics and advanced science.

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### SEES BIG FUTURE FOR MISSOURI GROWN RICE

Columbia, September 17.—"There is no doubt whatever that a very large acreage of bottomland in Missouri will safely mature large yields of rice", says W. C. Etheridge, head of the department of field crops at the Missouri College of Agriculture.

An inspection of the rice fields now nearing harvest in Lincoln and St. Charles Counties was made recently by Etheridge, accompanied by C. A. Helm and B. M. King of his department, and by Richard Bradfield of the soils department of the College of Agriculture. They were met at the rice fields by C. E. Chambliss, special investigator from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They found 3000 acres of rice in Lincoln County and 100 acres in St. Charles County—many of the best fields carrying yields of 50 to 75 bushels per acre. Some of these fields, according to Etheridge, have reached the standard of thoroughly successful rice production and reveal a big future for rice growing in Missouri.

"We believe that rice growing can be made a part of a highly successful system of diversified farming", says Etheridge, "and that this crop can, in many places, utilize land which is now unproductive because of its tendency to overflow or because of the difficulty of working that particular type of soil".

A study is being made also of the possibilities of rice growing on the heavy, black lands of Southeast Missouri by King and Chambliss. The college will undertake a thorough investigation of rice production in Missouri and the possibilities in the development of this valuable crop. It will be necessary to conduct experiments on the several types of bottomland soils in the State and to compare many varieties of rice in order to work out the best practices with reference to irrigation, cultural methods and varieties. Although this will require both time and expense, there is no reason to doubt that rice will ultimately occupy a very important place in Missouri's highly diversified farming system.

### HOTEL DEL REY WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

Due to delays in receiving material the contractor of the new Del Rey hotel building has announced that it will not be completed in time for the Fair. Accordingly E. A. Lawrence, who will operate the new business, says the formal opening will be held on November 1.

Much of the equipment has already been received and will be ready as soon as the building is completed. The bedding was received this week and is now in storage.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK STARTS OCTOBER 4

Washington, September 20.—Concern over the increase in the nation's fire loss, which in recent months has been the heaviest in history, is expressed by President Coolidge in his annual fire prevention week proclamation.

The proclamation made public today at the White House recommended that the week beginning Sunday, October 4, be observed as National Fire Prevention Week. Appealing to state and municipal officials, civic organizations, school authorities and all citizens and organized bodies for fullest co-operation in improving conditions, the President declared that there is need for earnest study of the principles of fire protection as a practical measure of national economy.

Fires in the United States during 1924, the proclamation said, caused the loss of 15,000 lives and of property exceeding \$548,000,000 in value—the heaviest toll in history—with the loss for the first half of this year exceeding the corresponding period of 1924.

### POPULAR BLUFF JEWELER FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Poplar Bluff, September 17.—August Winkler, a local jeweler, was found not guilty in a preliminary hearing today on a charge of murdering Mrs. Florence Brown Stroader of Cairo, Ill., who died under mysterious circumstances on May 11, last, at Winkler's jewelry store. Winkler is 68 years old. The girl, about 26, had been employed by Winkler at his store. After an argument with the girl Winkler said she drank a portion of a poison solution used by him in polishing jewelry. She died shortly afterward. A post-mortem examination disclosed no external injuries, while her vital organs, sent to a chemist in St. Louis, showed no traces of poison.

### BOOKS OF SCOTT COUNTY OFFICES BEING AUDITED

Benton.—Three grand juries have recommended that the books of the offices of Scott county be audited, the former audit having been made in 1914. The work of auditing the books were started off by a crew of men under the direction of State Auditor L. D. Thompson early in the week. Thompson stated that it would take about two months to complete the work. The work will cover the records of the past six years. E. A. Lehmer of Jefferson City, J. R. Berkshire of Kansas City and M. M. Lyons of Jefferson City as his assistants.

The books of all the officers of the county will be audited.

### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Clayton—New subdivision being established on east side of McKnight Road, between Clayton and Landue roads.

Missouri alfalfa acreages this year is greatest in history of State.

Charleston—Two new service stations to be constructed here.

Richmond—Work progressing rapidly, paving highway between here and Missouri River.

Monett—Monett Special Road District improving their section of north Pierce City road.

Boonville—Highway No. 2 from Mitchell's Lane to Simpson's farm, near Columbia, to be paved.

Monett—Brick paving on Broadway to be resurfaced with tarvia.

Flag—Road through this place being improved.

Lexington—Highland Ave., between Broadway and Plumb Street, to be resurfaced.

Puxico—First load of 1925 cotton brought to local gin.

Marionville—Four-story addition to be built by Marionville Cold Storage Company.

Festus—Paving of Highway No. 9, between here and Farmington road intersection, nearing completion.

New Madrid—New equipment installed in local light plant.

Thayer—Local tomato canning plant running full-time.

Pattonsburg—New bridge to be constructed across Bid Creek, northeast of here.

Thayer—Section of Thayer-Jobe road, under construction for past four years, finished.

Mexico—New four-span concrete bridge off East Liberty Street, opened to traffic.

Fulton—Survey being made of Route 15, from this place northward to Mexico.

Centralia—Four-mile stretch of road south of Centralia special road district to be improved.

Carthage—New Penny Store opens.

Unionville—New business building to be erected on North Main Street.

Trenton—Three carloads hogs shipped from here in one day.

Carthage—Plans under way for resurfacing asphalt macadam pavement in business district.

Palmyra—Work progressing rapidly on local street paving project.

Bumper corn crop indicated for Marion County.

Boonville—New elevator, replacing structure destroyed by fire last winter, nearing completion.

Highway No. 15 in sections of Callaway County, being surveyed.

Humansville—Tomato cannery working steadily on good crop.

Tina—Fair to be held here October 6-8.

Grant City—Grant City Oil Company improving roads around oil station.

De Witt—New machinery to be installed in Stevenson's mill; elevator system being rearranged.

Republic—Twenty cars grapes loaded here during season, now nearing close.

Greenville—New bank, Wayne County State Bank, to be established here.

Lee's Summit—Post office to move October 1, to new Harrison Metheny building on Douglas Street.

Greenville—Work progressing on new courthouse.

Lee's Summit—Mulligan bridge on No. 35 repaired.

Liberal—Plans under way for erecting service station, corner Main and Yale Streets.

Cape Girardeau—Cape Girardeau Bell Telephone Company purchases Perry County properties.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend.

C. H. Higgins of Aniston was fined \$100 and six months in jail for operating motor vehicle without lights, late Tuesday night, after being brought before Judge J. W. Downing, Justice of the Peace of East Prairie. He was apprehended by Henry Babb Constable of Wolf Island Township.—East Prairie Eagle.

A contemptible act was performed by a truck driver from Osceola, Ark., Monday. He was moving a family, consisting of a man, his wife and daughter from that city to Kewanee. Just beyond the curve in No. 9, south of Marston around noon, the driver went to sleep and the truck he was driving ran into the ditch and overturned. The parties who were moving went on to Kewanee and the driver who had started to reload the truck after willing hands had assisted him right it, changed his mind and instead, threw the furniture back into the ditch, and it is said, having been previously paid for the trip, turned around and went back to Osceola. Good citizens of Marston brought the furniture and Mr. Metts had it put in the warehouse.—Libour Herald.

### LARGE STILL CAPTURED IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

A profit second only to that which was netted by the county as a result of the raid on the yacht "Unique" on July 21 will be realized from a similar expedition conducted Friday by Sheriff J. O. King and a party of deputies, when a huge still, with vast quantities of mash, was destroyed and 89 sacks of sugar confiscated. The sugar, which was brought to Charleston on two loaded trucks and piled up in the county jail, is easily worth \$6 a sack at present prices, according to the sheriff, and will be sold as soon as a court order permitting its sale can be obtained.

The raid Friday was along the Mississippi River northeast of Charleston, on what is known as Newcum's bar. When the raiding party swooped down on the place, it was deserted, but from the size of the still and the complete equipment which was found about it, the officers believed that it has been a big source of supply for the illicit liquor trade along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and that the "main office" of the operators is in Cairo. The still and worm were destroyed, the mash was poured out and trucks were called from here to haul in the sugar, several hours being required to transport the sugar by motor boat to a place which could be reached by the trucks.

For the past several months, residents of the Thompson's Bend country have been of the opinion that a large still was in operation somewhere in that neighborhood, but had been unable to ascertain the exact location. Information reached Sheriff King Friday, however, as to the approximate location of the plant, and it is believed, as a result of the successful raid, the number of cars which travel over the Thompson's Bend road, which is merely a local highway, will be considerably decreased.

As in the case of the sale of the property seized in the "Unique" raid, the confiscated sugar now in the county jail will be disposed of at the highest price possible, and the proceeds will go into the capital school fund of the county after all expenses of the raid have been deducted.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

### NO. 9 WILL NOT PASS DIRECTLY THRU JACKSON

A force of engineers from the State Highway Department are at work locating Highway No. 9 south of Jackson.

Division Engineer Frank B. Newton, was in Jackson Thursday conferring with a number of business men who are anxious to have the highway run through the center of the city. Mr. Newton explained that this would be impossible as the Highway Commissioners had adopted a policy of missing all cities and towns to avoid congestion of traffic. He said, however, that there would be no objections to locating it as near to the city as possible without using the streets, and went over the ground with several citizens in an effort to find a practical route which would be satisfactory to them.

The route from the concrete, on Cane Creek is located to the Althen farm on the Jackson and Burfordville road, from which point a route is being sought south of Jackson, to connect with a survey running between the Wilson Cramer and F. E. Kies farms, and connecting with the Cape-Jackson road at the Nitsch farm. From the Althen farm it is planned to run south of the Hoffmeister hill and, if possible, to enter the city north of the Russell Heights Cemetery and to cross the east creek just south of the Loos Brothers saw mill. If this is accomplished the highway should not be more than five or six blocks south of the courthouse.

It is the intention of Mr. Newton to use one bridge across the railroad tracks and the east creek for both Highways Nos. 9 and 25.

From the information received from reliable sources, it appears that No. 9 will run within a block or two of the western limits of Cape Girardeau, and be in direct line with Broadway which has already been paved, in anticipation of its approach.

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mity to this proposed location.—Jackson Post.

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Take your squaw to the D. A. R. Indian fete Thursday.

In America some 45 per cent of the families are owners of their own homes.

A. E. Smith and G. W. Pierce of Mokane, Mo., were in Sikeston Sunday and Monday to visit farms which they own near here.

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The good will tour of the business men of Cape Girardeau to other towns in Southeast Missouri should bear the right sort of fruit. There is no personal ill feeling toward any business man or firm of Cape Girardeau by other communities, but there is an ill feeling toward Cape Girardeau as a whole caused by a number of things. For instance, in almost every case of baseball, basketball, football, debating and other competitive exercises, the Cape Girardeau newspapers so colors the story, that it appears, though beaten, that Cape Girardeau had the best team and was unfairly treated by the umpires or judges. This is a fact and the reason that every other Southeast Missouri town is much pleased when Cape Girardeau is beaten by any other team. If Cape Girardeau really wishes good feeling to exist, why did they select the same fair dates as Sikeston the past two years? Sikeston is a small town to Cape Girardeau, but the Cape Fair will be the one to suffer and not Sikeston.

It is indeed a worthy purpose for which the local D. A. R. Chapter will attempt to raise funds at its second annual Indian fete at the Malone home Thursday. For the past three years they have subscribed to the fund of the State organization, which lends money to worthy boys and girls who desire a college education. In that time, they have aided six persons to borrow money from the fund. These alone have made this work worthwhile to Sikeston and the aid that all of us can give by helping the organization Thursday evening, will mean that many more can be helped in the future. Attend the festival with this thought in mind.

One of the Appeal editor's good Democratic friends deplores his inability to get hold of a real Democratic newspaper any more. There are several reasons for the change about which he complains. First, the Democratic party, under present leadership, stands for hardly anything other than jobs. It has even discarded the tariff issue, the only issue on which it can hope to rally the popular vote to its flag. Second, it has degenerated into a party of opposition, most of its leaders having substituted snarls for slogans at a time when constructive statecraft is the nation's greatest need. Third, practically all of its present leaders represent factions more than party. Too many of them would rather gratify

personal animosities or blow off steam about prohibition, which has come to stay, than to glorify the party for past achievements or to formulate policies for future service. Besides all this, the press, both Democratic and Republican, is fast coming to a knowledge of the truth that its first mission is to give the news and to deal fairly with its constituents, things that were impossible when newspapers subordinated everything to party interests or when they viewed with alarm everything the enemy did, no matter how good, and pointed with pride to everything their organization did, no matter how bad. Real Republican papers are just as scarce as those of the Democratic variety, judged by old standards. As for itself, the Appeal is just as confirmed in its devotion to Democratic principles as it ever was. But, like hundreds of other Democratic papers, it is not going to question either the motives or the citizenship of those who belong to another party or who are apparently doing their best to serve the public, just because they are of a different political faith. The fighting spirit has gone out of the Democratic press because most of the party leaders are peanut busters who either exalt the Klan and liquor issues above party principles or else, which is more likely, use these matters to distract attention from evils like the tariff which Big Business, their master, fattens upon. Too much peanut rolling and personal politics have likewise dampened the ardor of this section of the press in state politics. Viewing the sorry record both Democrats and Republicans have made in recent legislatures, and considering the plight of both education and the public service as a result of their bickering, the real wonder is that newspapers of all sorts do not utterly repudiate both of them until they repent and reform.—Paris Appeal.

The progress of a city is usually sized up by strangers according to the public buildings and public works, such as sewerage, light, water and streets. Many compliments have been passed on Sikeston by visitors to our city, but most of them are surprised at the lack of an adequate sewerage system and paved streets. The time has arrived for action on sewers and October 20 has been set as the date to vote bonds for this purpose. No citizen who is looking to the future growth of, and to the health of Sikeston, should be against the proposition. The plans are so drawn that every section of the city will be served and the cost will be placed on all property alike. Give this matter your careful thought and make yourself familiar with the details that you may be of assistance in putting in a sanitary sewer that will last as long as Sikeston exists.

Refreshments and a musical program at 5:30 at the D. A. R. Indian fete.

School children in East Ham, England, received 400 free pairs of boots in a recent twelve months.

Parents in Angers, a French town, who already possess two children will have an opportunity of winning \$1,225 if they have a third child within the next twelve months.

## THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

The same power of fiery spirit which drives its owner on to greatness in an unguarded moment, may mean his undoing or committing of a deed which he will regret the rest of his life.

On September 27, 1817, two prominent men met on Bloody Island, a dot of land out from St. Louis in the Mississippi river. They came to fight the most famous duel in Missouri history. The man mortally wounded forgave his antagonist. The victor carried with him to his grave the wound of regret and self-reproach. Thomas Hart Benton had killed Charles Lucas.

It is surely true that racial characteristics, environment and training affect the deeds of men. In the encounter between Benton and Lucas there is at play the two forces of the Latin race and the Anglo-Saxon race with the inherent traits of each.

Benton came of English stock with a nature of aggressiveness and self-sufficiency. He was taken by his mother, a widow, into the wilds of Tennessee where they built a plantation and lived the rugged frontier life. The rigor of this environment made its indelible imprint on his virile, fiery character.

Theodore Roosevelt in writing on the life of Thomas Hart Benton speaks of him as a "hot spirit of the West" and says of him, "Benton was deeply imbued with the 'masterful, overbearing spirit of the West—a spirit whose manifestations were not always pleasant.' 'At that time duelling prevailed more or less throughout the United States, and in the South and West to an extent never before or since attained. Like Jackson, Benton killed his men in a duel.'"

In speaking of the experiences of Benton after he had gone from his home in North Carolina into the wilds of Tennessee Roosevelt says, "It was somewhat of a change from his early training, but he took to it kindly, and though never a vicious or debauched man, he bore his full share in the savage brawls, the shooting and stabbing affrays, which went to make up one of the leading features in the excessively unattractive social life of the place and epoch."

Charles Lucas was of Norman extraction, his father and mother both having natives of Normandy. In the Missouri Gazette for November 1, 1817, a few weeks after the fatal encounter with Benton, there was carried this description:

"From his most tender years he disclosed penetration, judgment, originality of mind, independence, paid a particular respect to the rights of others." In speaking of his associations and conduct at Jefferson college, Pennsylvania, the Gazette says, "His conduct was chaste and irreproachable—he became the friend of his fellow students—he left the college generally regretted and came back to St. Louis."

Benton was a specialist in land litigation cases and found a fertile field for his professional services in St. Louis. Lucas was likewise a lawyer and it was at court that the first seeds of discord were sown. They fell on ready ground as William Montgomery Meigs writes in his "Life of Thomas Hart Benton":

"Doubtless, the antagonism between the French and the American settlers was an important factor in the quarrel. The Lucases were French and that formerly controlling element was, as Gant says, very sick of the unceasing push of the bustling Americans, while the latter were impatient to secure entire control."

Lucas has given an account of the first trouble between Benton and himself in his letter written August 11, 1817. "The cause of difference between T. H. Benton and me are as follows: At October term of court of last year, Mr. Benton and I were employed on adverse sides in a case. At the close of the evidence he stated that the evidence being so and so, he requested the court to instruct the jury to find accordingly. I stated in reply that there was no such evidence to my remembrance; he replied, 'I contradict you, sir'. I answered, 'I contradict you, sir'. He then said, 'If you deny that, you deny the truth'. I replied, 'If you assert that, you assert what is not true'."

"He immediately sent me a challenge which I declined accepting, for causes stated in my correspondence. The jury in a few minutes returned a verdict for me, and in opposition to his statement. He never even moved for a new trial. Since that time we have had no intercourse except in business. On the day of the election at St. Louis, 4th August, 1817, I inquired whether he had paid tax in time to entitle him to vote. He was offering his vote at the time."

"He applied vehement, abusive and ungentlemanly language to me, and I believe some of it behind my back, all of which he declined to recant, to give me satisfaction other than by the greatest extremities. This is the state of the dispute between T. H. Benton and myself. I make this declaration, that, let things eventuate as they may, it may be known how



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It is said, although without absolute proof, that the abusive language uttered by Benton when he turned to the election judge was: "Gentleman, if you have any questions to ask, I am prepared to answer, but I do not propose to answer charges made by any puppy who may happen to run across my path."

According to the customs of the day, no gentleman could allow such terms to be spoken without remonstrance without losing caste. Lucas sent his challenge. "I am informed you applied to me on the day of the election the epithet of 'Puppy'. If so, I shall expect the satisfaction which is due from one gentleman to another for such indignity."

They fought on Bloody Island, at ten paces and were both wounded, Lucas severely and Benton slightly. Colonel Benton demanded another fire. Charles Lucas told his second, Joshua Barton, to re-load. Mr. Barton considered that to let him shoot again would be wanton exposure of the life of the man who was suffering from a wound which judged by the profusion of blood, might soon prove fatal. Upon the urging of Dr. Quarles and Mr. Barton, Lucas sent his answer to Colonel Benton's demand that he was satisfied and required no second meeting.

Colonel Benton declared he was not satisfied and demanded that Lucas should continue to fight or pledge himself to come out again as soon as his wound would permit him for a second encounter. Lucas gave his promise and retired with his second to the boat where he fainted from the loss of blood.

During the time Lucas was recovering from his wound his second and Mr. Lawless, Benton's second, attempted to pacify Lucas and Benton. The difficulty between them was adjusted and the intention to have a second meeting was given up, according to Lawless. But when Benton was about to withdraw the demand for a second meeting "he was assailed with reports of the most offensive nature to his feelings and reputation." Colonel Benton felt the necessity of disproving these reports by a second meeting with Lucas.

Lucas answered with a note to Benton saying that he knew nothing of any such reports, yet without knowledge of their nature he would grant Benton an opportunity to gratify his own wishes or those of his newscarrers.

The second meeting was held at sunrise on the same island. The terms were in the main the same as in the first duel, except that the principals were to stand at a distance of ten feet from each other. Benton was untouched, while Lucas was struck in the right arm and the ball then lodged near his heart. He died within one hour.

In the account given by Lucas' father, Benton approached his wounded opponent and expressed his sorrow. Lucas charged Benton with being his murderer and declared he could not forgive him. Upon reflection and realization that he was dying he added, "I can forgive you and do forgive you," and gave him his hand.

to the "field of honor" to engage in a duel.

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E. C. Matthews to Mrs. Clemine Dobbs, Mrs. Frankie Brown, Chester Dobbs, Mayme Dobbs and Luther Dobbs, lot 9 block 1 East side addition Sikeston, \$1750.—Benton Democrat.

For the past year or more the city health officer has been ill and unable to attend to his duties. In the meantime, we haven't heard of the Council appointing a substitute. There are a number of sore spots on Sikeston's map which are unsightly, unsanitary and unpleasant. Many of our alleys send forth odors to the main streets as offensive as those said to be usual in the cities of mediaeval ages. These things cannot be for the good of the public and they should be investigated. We humbly advise the Council to look into it and appoint a clean-up man.

The oldest clock in Britain is now at the Museum of Patents at South Kensington. It was made at Glaston Abbey by one of the monks in 1325, and in Elizabeth's reign was removed from Glastonbury to Wells Cathedral. It worked there until about forty years ago, when it was laid aside to make room for new clock.

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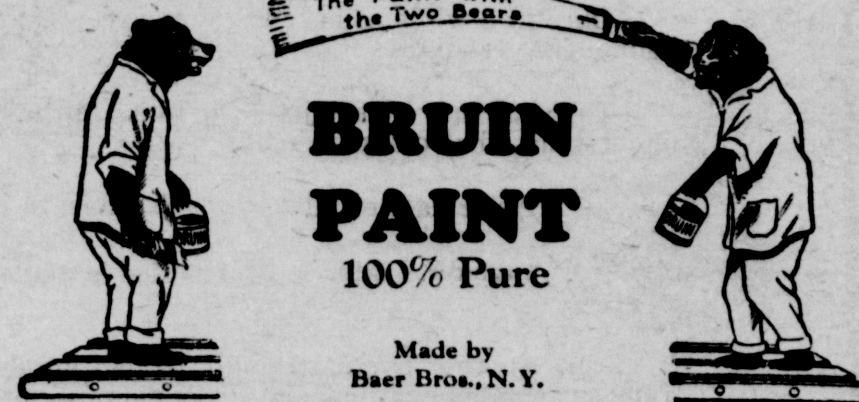
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### THE "DESERTED VILLAGES" OF THE FUTURE

Publication recently of the conclusions of a western college professor, a student of sociological problems to the effect that the future American city will be practically a city without homes, calls interested attention to the fact that in this transition there is almost a complete departure from the custom which once found expression in the establishment of centers of population. Originally, it may be agreed, even in those earlier days when every tribe, and every clan sought to establish its social and economic independence, the public or community storehouses were the centers of the home sections, easily available to every member of the band which they were designed to supply. In those times necessity rather than mere convenience impressed upon community dwellers the wisdom of putting all their eggs in one basket as it were, and then of watching that basket. Tribal conflicts and clanish strife might otherwise cause the families of the warriors to be cut off from the source of their supplies and leave them without any other recourse.

But as civilization has advanced and as means of communication and transportation have been provided and improved, vast numbers of people have come to reside in seeming security with available food supplies sufficient for only a few days. Take, for instance, the cities of Boston, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, as well as others throughout the United States. At no season of the year, it is safe to say, does any one of these cities contain within its borders, or within a radius of one hundred miles, enough of even the staple foods to supply its population for a month.

This condition could not continue were it not for the facilities which have been provided for transporting these commodities long distances in a comparatively short time. Even with these improved methods of transport, such processes could not be relied upon except upon assurance that a measure of industrial peace will be maintained, that no tribal or sectional warfare will break out between two days, and that there will be no refusal of at least necessary co-operation between producers and consumers.

So it seems that while something that might be called a cruder civiliza-

tion than that which we now boast of inspired the establishment of the earlier cities or communities, an advancing civilization is gradually changing the physical aspect and character of these same centers. With the assurance of permanent peace among kindred peoples, and with the hope that eventually this peace shall be universal, no thought is taken of siege or blockade, either upon land or sea. The people of every section share without hindrance or protest in the bounties of every other section. Swift trains and boats have paved the way which one day will be more quickly traversed by airships laden with the earth's riches. No stockades or mounted guns are needed to assure safety from hostile marauders. The outposts of this newer and better civilization which understanding has ushered in are the broad prairies, the friendly hills and the sheltering woods. Along, upon, and in these the released and happy dwellers and homemakers are residing, gradually forgetting that circumscribing tradition which impelled them to seek protection in numbers and behind ancient city walls.—Christian Science Monitor.

### AUTOS KILL TWO EVERY HOUR IN UNITED STATES

Cleveland, Ohio, September 16.—America's death rate due to automobile accidents leads the world, being 14.8 fatalities for every 100,000 population against 5.2 in England and Wales, 4.3 in Scotland, 4.6 in New Zealand and 3.6 in Canada during 1923. Figures for 1924 show that for 158 American cities the automobile accident death rate was 19.4 per 100,000 population, causing not less than 17,400 deaths in automobile accidents, not counting accidents which involved railroad trains or street cars and automobiles.

The toll of human life taken by motor vehicles last year in this country was at the rate of more than two for every hour in the day. These statistics have been compiled by the National Safety Council for consideration at the Fourteenth Annual Congress which will open here on Monday, September 28.

Don't miss the Indian fete Thursday evening.

The D. A. R. has planned an excellent program for the Indian fete on Malone lawn, Thursday.

## SEED SELECTION MAKES CORN PROFIT

Urbana, Ill., Sept. 18.—Almost all of the increased yield which corn growers get by using better seed is clear profit and consequently a few fall days spent in the field selecting seed corn will pay big dividends next year, it is pointed out by George H. Dungan of the crop production division, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. Tillage operations and overhead expenses are the same whether good or poor seed is planted and the only thing that has to be paid out of the increased yields which are obtained with the good seed is the extra cost of the better seed. Even after this extra cost is paid, the grower's profit will be from 5 to 20 per cent more than it would have been from mediocre seed.

"Most corn fields of the State contain good seed corn that should be saved this fall for planting next spring," he says. "The amount of good corn in any one field will depend upon the quality of the seed from which it grew and the seasonal and cultural conditions with which it has been surrounded. There are occasional fields, however, growing strains of corn that are so susceptible to disease infection as to be totally unfit for seed selection."

"The best way to get seed corn is to bring it in from the field before a killing frost and before the plants on which it was produced are dead. Seed ears should be taken from green standing stalks at a time when the husks are brown and the lower blades dry. The grain should be as nearly mature as possible and still be taken from the parent stalk before the plant has lost the signs of health and vigor. Fairly smooth ears should be chosen, while the kernels themselves should be well dented. An extra quantity of seed should be selected to allow for rigid culling during the winter and the elimination of dead and badly diseased ears after the germination tests are made in the spring."

"Ears selected for seed should be placed on a rack which allows as free circulation of air as possible around each ear. Artificial heat usually is not necessary, although if there is danger of severe freezing before the corn is reasonably dry, some heat in the seed corn storage house will be a help."

Eight years ago this fall, an English walnut tree was set out at the home of The Standard editor. This year it is bearing for the second time. It has a number of nuts of excellent quality, proving that this variety can be successfully grown in this latitude.

## ILLINOIS PEACH GROWERS USE CHEMICAL TO KILL BORERS

Urbana, Ill., Sept. 18.—Ninety-five per cent of the commercial peach growers of Illinois now use the chemical paradichlorobenzene for the control of peach tree borers, according to S. C. Chandler, assistant entomologist of the State Natural History Survey, which is co-operating with the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, in insect control work. The old method of using a jack knife and wire to dig out this pest has been pretty generally discarded by the larger growers, since the chemical treatment is quicker, cheaper and easier and kills 95 per cent or more of the worms if it is applied right, he said.

The best time to treat peach trees with the chemical, which is known as "P. D. B." for short, is from the first to the middle of October in Southern Illinois, and from September 20 to October 5 in the northern part of the State, Chandler said.

The chemical looks much like coarse salt or sugar and is applied in a strip an inch or two wide around the base of the peach tree, just far enough away so that it does not touch the bark. Four or five spadefuls of dirt are then thrown over the material and stamped with the back of a spade. This makes a mound around the base of the tree that sheds water and prevents the P. D. B. from washing away before it does the work. The mound need not be removed before spring, but should be leveled before summer. The gas which evolves from the chemical is heavier than air and filters down through the pores in the earth and into the burrows of the borers, killing them.

The amount of the material to use varies with the age of tree. One-half to three-fourths of an ounce a tree should be used for trees that have been set one full year and that are less than 5 years old. A full ounce should be used for trees eight to ten years old, and one and a half to two ounces for older trees.

The Natural History Survey issues a free circular on the peach tree borer and its control.

## TWENTY COUNTIES USE 22,864 TONS OF LIME

Columbia, September 17.—By using 22,864 tons of finely ground limestone on their clover and alfalfa fields during the present year, twenty Southwest Missouri counties have attracted the interest of the entire State in their businesslike effort to get their farms on a clover-and-prosperity basis. In this movement farm bureaus, farm clubs, chambers of commerce and individual farmers have joined to form what they call the "Southwest Missouri Lime Pool."

This pool was organized last spring by the Extension Service of the Missouri College of Agriculture as a part of the "Clover-and-Pro Prosperity" campaign, now in its fourth year.

The need of concerted and standardized action in securing and applying agricultural lime to the prospective legume fields in Southwest Missouri was recognized by delegates from practically every school district in 22 counties, and leaders chosen from among these delegates have been responsible for the out-standing results already achieved.

A recent conference of the local leaders in this movement, including county extension agents, farm club secretaries, lime producers, and railway freight agents, met at Carthage. It was here that 20 counties reported a total use of 22,864 tons of lime within the year 1925. This enormous quantity of lime is being used by the several counties as follows: Jackson 1093 tons, Cass 804, Bates 1366, Vernon 3860, Barton 80, Jasper 3740, Newton 190, McDonald 60, Barry 480, Dade 700, Lawrence 2370, Cedar 280, St. Clair 555, Polk 80, Stone 80, Johnson 1680, Lafayette 1925, Henry 360, Pettis 1007, and Saline 2100.

## WHOLESALE PRICES CONTINUE TO SHOW UPWARD TREND

Washington, September 17.—The upward trend of wholesale prices is shown in a report made public by the Labor Department, to have continued through August.

On the basis of reports covering 404 commodities, the weighted index number of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with 100 representing the pre-war level, was fixed at 160.4 for August as compared with 159.9 for July and 149.7 for August a year ago.

Rising prices of rye, wheat, cattle, hay, hides and tobacco, the review stated, accounted for an advance in the level of prices for farm products from 161.8 in July to 163.1 in August, while increases in meats, butter, coffee and flour were largely responsible for raising the food price index from 157.3 to 159.2.

The commodities grouped under the headings of fuel and lighting materials and miscellaneous were the only ones to show declines, although the level for house furnishing goods remained stationary. The drop in the "miscellaneous" index was due mainly

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
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IN THE PROBATE COURT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT AND STATE OF MISSOURI, AUGUST ADJOURNED TERM, 1925.

Frank H. Smith, Executor of the estate of Annette Barnes, deceased.

Order of Publication

NOW, on this day comes Frank H. Smith, Executor of the estate of Annette Barnes, deceased, and presents to the court his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the Real Estate of said deceased as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said Estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets; accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories required by law in such case, on examination thereof, it is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before

the first day of the next term of this Court, to be held on the first Monday of October, 1925, next, an order will be made for the sale of the whole or so much of the Real Estate of said deceased as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts and it is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper in this County for four weeks before the next term of this Court, and the Court finding that Annette Smith is a legatee under the last will of said deceased, and that she is a resident of this County, orders that she be served with a copy of this notice at least ten days before said next term of this Court.

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
County of Scott

I, Thomas B. Dudley, Judge of the Probate Court within said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Order of Publication therein referred to, as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND as Judge, and seal of our said Court, Done at (SEAL) my office at Benton in said County, this 31st day of August, A. D., 1925.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
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ADVANCE MAN CONFESSES  
TO KILLING BEN CROAY

Advance, September 18.—Bill Crabtree came into town at 7 o'clock last night and confessed that he stabbed and killed Ben Croay at 7:30 p. m. yesterday in the Tibbs-Biggs general store here. A sheriff's posse had been unable to find Crabtree after searching all afternoon.

A coroner's inquest held soon after the stabbing, pronounced Croay killed at the hands of Crabtree. A total of 11 wounds were found in the lifeless body, several of them over the heart.

The fight came after the two men engaged in a heated argument in the rear of the store. The trouble was said to have been over an unpaid debt. The stabbing took place when Crabtree flourished a four-inch knife with a bar at the base of the blade. Two men present tried to separate the irate pair, but were unsuccessful. Crabtree had nothing with which to defend himself. He staggered a few steps before dropping to the floor and never spoke before he expired. Crabtree fled through the rear of the store at the time and was not seen until he gave up last night.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. today near here for Croay. He is survived by his widow and six children.

Labor organizations are planning an intensive campaign to unionize workers of all classes in St. Louis, where heretofore the unions never have been able to make much headway against the open shop. The campaign to unionize will be fought by the Manufacturers & Merchants' Association of St. Louis.

A preacher up in New Jersey wanting to find out how much of the milk of human kindness there was in the world, started out on foot to walk from Jersey City to Columbus, Ohio. He dressed in overalls and started out. He found out that one person in every 42 would offer him a ride in his car. He discovered that by lying by the side of the road as though wounded, that one driver out of eight would stop to offer aid. He had one cup of coffee offered him while on the entire trip and fourteen offered him a drink of liquor. It would appear that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was a better road for the unfortunate to travel over 1900 years ago than the road from Jersey City to Columbus in the year 1925. The Jersey preacher was held up and robbed four times on the trip, while the man who lay beside the Jericho road was only robbed once and only two out of three passed him by while he lay wounded.—Sturgeon Leader.

DEALING IN GRAIN  
FUTURES CRITICISED

Washington, September 20.—Criticism of the practice of buying and selling grain for future delivery was expressed today by the Federal Trade Commission in its sixth report on the grain trade situation.

Although the procedure has been defended by many elements of the trade as a price stabilizer, the commission's report declared the data studied "do not indicate that future prices are especially stable, and the technical conditions of future trading appear to cause some fluctuations in price that would not otherwise occur."

A similar contention has been voiced by representatives of the farmer and grain producer. The report declared that one of the most important and significant facts, statistically demonstrated, is the downward bend of the futures market.

"An extensive comparison of price data", it continued, "for various grains and options over many years, shows that on the average, there is a definite tendency for the future price in the earlier months of trading, perhaps nine months ahead of delivery, to fall short of the price subsequently attained just before or during the month of delivery."

"In other words, the tendency of the future price is to understate the ultimate price. This is true merely in a large majority but by no means in all of the instances dealt with. This bias of the futures market in the direction of low prices is in part explained by the weight of selling hedges during the heavy marketing season. But the prevalence of undue discounts or the downward base of forecasts at other seasons (as for example wheat in the spring before the opening of the new crop year when trades of hedges are more likely to be on the buying side), must be attributed to causes other than hedging pressure. The character of recent professional speculation is suggested as one of these factors."

"This bias of the future market operates especially to depress unduly the next crop options. The downward bias of the futures market in a large part explains the tendency of the future price to be at a discount below the cash price."

Every French mother and father of sons killed in the World War will wear a new commemorative medal designed by the Federation of Fathers and Mothers of those who died for France. The medal is of silver and bronze, bearing the head of a soldier with a black band of mourning and two stripes of red, for blood, and on the head a crown of thorns and laurel to symbolize martyrdom and glory.

HAGENBECK-WALLACE IN  
POPULAR BLUFF SEPT. 30

There is something about the knowledge that a circus is coming that gives practically everyone, be it man, woman or child, a "thrill" not produced by any other attraction. And during the past few years in man portions of the country, there have been movements started to censor the moving pictures of the drama, there has been no cry about a censor for the big circuses. Circus men say the reason is "There is no Hollywood among the big shows, like the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace."

Lovers of good clean amusement, who are also interested in the youth of the nation, realize that Circus Day is the day of all days for Young America. Particularly is this true when the Carl Hagenbeck-Great-Wallace-Circus, known for many generations as the peer of white top shows make its coming known. The very name is synonymous with cleanliness and tented delight. And when the big parade, more than a mile in length, comes down the street, there is no resisting the circus atmosphere. It is just as much American, as the national pastime, baseball. Red-blooded, and clean to the core, both of them.

That is why, when the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus comes to Poplar Bluff for two performances on September 30 it is safe to say that a majority of the residents of this city, as well as surrounding towns and villages will "answer the call".

Many new features, never before offered the public, have been engaged for the 1925 trans-continental tour and the management claims to have the best program in the history of this great wild animal show.

DECLINE SHOWN IN  
COTTON SPINNING

Washington, September 19.—Cotton spinning activity had a further decline in August as compared with July, but was greater than in August, last year, the census bureau's monthly report today shows.

Active spindle hours for August numbered 6,954,413,849 or at an average of 184 hours per spindle in place, compared with 7,297,648,494, or at an average of 192 for July this year, and 5,399,549,661, or an average of 143 for August, last year.

The D. A. R. plans to make the Indian fete an annual event.

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**OPEN DAY AND NIGHT****EGGS AND TOMATOES  
FOR GEN. MULCAHY**

New York, September 18.—Having been welcomed to the United States by a mob of Irish Republican sympathizers who hurled rotten eggs, tomatoes and sticks, Gen. Richard Mulcahy, former commander of the Irish Free State army, and four companions are on their way to the interparliamentary union at Washington.

The General and his party were attacked by surprise last night when they disembarked from the liner President Roosevelt at Hoboken, N. J. Punched in the face and kicked on the legs, Mulcahy was almost knocked from his feet before he left the gang plank.

A crowd of more than 100 persons, mostly women, scattered the friendly welcoming party with shouts of "black and tans". The dock police were powerless. Several eggs and tomatoes hit the General. One of his party was gashed above the eye by a stick. Others were severely pummeled.

Banners inscribed "Mulcahy, murdered!" "Mulcahy, perjurer", and "Mulcahy, traitor", were flaunted everywhere. One banner bore the inscription: "George Washington and Eamonn De Valera Beheaded Arnold and Mulcahy". Another said: "If Emmet had not been executed in 1803 Mulcahy would have executed his in 1923".

A woman pinned a Union Jack on the General's coat lapel. A riot call finally brought police reserves. The visitors were rushed to a taxicab and taken across the river to New York. Three men and two women were arrested. They said they were Michael Quilty, Jersey City; Thomas Reilly, Brooklyn; Patrick Keenan, Miss Alice Tennyson and Miss Alice Skeller, all of New York.

Part of the crowd collected about Hoboken police headquarters where the prisoners were taken. A woman explained that they had planned a "pink tea" for the General and wanted to have a hearse ready but the ship came in 20 hours ahead of schedule. She said republican sympathizers also had planned to have an airplane circle the ship as it steamed into the harbor flying a banner inscribed "Mulcahy, responsible for 77 murders".

Other Irish delegations to the interparliamentary union arriving with

Gen. Mulcahy were Michael Hayes, speaker of the Dail; Thomas Johnson, leader of the Irish labor party; Patrick McGilligan, minister of commerce, and Sir Thomas Gratton, Esmonde, Bart.

**KROGER SELLING STOCK  
TO EMPLOYEES**

The officers and directors of the Kroger Grocery and Banking Company are offering to sell common stock to its employees at \$95 a share. This proposition has been put into effect in order to develop the greatest personal interest of its employees toward the greatest development of the company and to reward them in direct proportion to the success of the company.

Approximately 10,000 employees in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and West Virginia will have the opportunity to purchase under this plan.

Payments on the basis of \$1.35 per share per month over a period of 6 years makes it possible for practically every member of the organization to become a partner in the business.

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There have been large sales in this stock at around \$125.00 per share on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

You and your squaw should go Thursday night.

Springfield, September 17.—Miss Mary Williams Smith entered the Springfield Business College this morning for the stenographic course. She is a graduate of the Sikeston grade and high school, and attended one year at the State Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau. She is the daughter of W. S. Smith of Sikeston.

**FAIR CATALOGS MAY BE SECURED AT STANDARD OFFICE**

The premium lists of the Southeast Missouri District Fair are out and large numbers of them have been sent to neighboring towns. Anyone in Sikeston desirous of reading all about the wonderful prizes offered for agricultural, poultry and home economics displays, should call at The Standard office for a catalog. There are plenty of them and are here for the asking.

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**BILIOUSNESS**

Retired Minister Tells How He Keeps in Good Form With the Assistance of Black-Draught.

West Graham, Va.—The Rev. Lewis Evans, a well-known retired minister, now past 80, living here, has a high opinion of Black-Draught, which he says he has taken when needed, for 25 years. "For years I had been suffering with my liver," he says. "Sometimes the pain would be very intense and my back would hurt all the time. Black-Draught was the first thing I found that would give me any relief."

"My liver has always been sluggish. Sometimes it gives me a lot of trouble. I have suffered a lot with it—pains in my side and back, and bad headache, caused from extreme biliousness."

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THE REAL ROMANCE  
OF MONTE CARLO

By Shaik McDermott

"Red sometimes wins; black sometimes wins; but white (blanc) wins always. That's how he summed it up". That's the way Francois Blanc waiter, crook, millionaire and Prince of Chance, put his life into a pun and a phrase. It was this man who, from the bleak rocks of Monaco and from man's irresistible craving to gamble gold, welded glowing, burning Monte Carlo. The life of Blanc, the adventurer, is the real romance of Monte Carlo. The gambling, the suicides, the glamorous pace of life in the furious little municipality by the blue sea—that is humdrum, prosaic, the business end. In this one man's spectacular career (he rose from a prison cell to a position of affluence equaled by few Europeans of his time) there is the true romance, the one colorful story of desperate, delirious Monte Carlo.

Meet, then, Monsieur Francois Blanc, gambler extraordinary.

When his destiny gave the first spin to the wheel, Blanc was a waiter. Nothing extra, he understood, but just a simple garçon in one of the many little cafes which spring up like weeds along the cluttered byways of Paris. Even in this profession the future ruler of the gaming table was not content to accept the profits as they came naturally. It was a lifelong characteristic of Francois Blanc that he always insisted that there should be a percentage in favor of the dealer. So he took certain liberties with the accounts. The owner of the restaurant, entertaining as he did, a different philosophy of life, failed to appreciate his servant's astuteness. As a result M. Blanc severed connections with his employer rather suddenly, remembering as his point of final contact the well-shod boot of the restaurateur.

When he had picked himself up and re-adjusted his shabby attire, the millionaire-to-be was annoyed to learn upon investigation, that his sole capital with which to start anew his adventurous life was 20 francs and his personal liberty. He promptly gambled the former and risked the latter. A man of action, Blanc, and never a bit timid.

Right here, then, is the beginning of Francois Blanc's run of luck. On the gaming table of life he plunged his 20 francs and his skin. The wheel flickered and spun. Gamblers pressed around him. The croupier raked in the chips and paid them out. The game paced fast. Stakes mounted to the limit. And in the end, when all was counted up, Francois Blanc had won unlimited prestige and a cool four million dollars.

Mysteriously, it was, that the future king of Monte Carlo began his first paltry operations. Not entirely free of a certain tenderness which served to remind him of the recent leave-taking from his former employer, he directed his way toward the Paris Stock Exchange. His approach was not that of the conqueror—twenty francs on the Paris Bourse is like a thin dime entirely surrounded by Wall street; and many a waiter's skin went begging then, with or without an occupant.

But the man had an idea—the first of three, which were to lead him to fortune and to fame. It occurred with fatal results to so many others, that, if he could get advance information on the day's business, he could beat the market. Putting his head into operation he managed to

establish, at first on a modest scale, a system of semaphores by which he in Paris could be informed of prices outside before the knowledge became general on the exchange. Then, craftily and slowly, he began buying—just before prices soared; and selling—just before prices dropped. Gradually his operations increased in size, bit by bit he piled up his winnings, doubling and then redoubling. He was in a fair way to pick up all the loose money in Paris when they finally caught him. But he had salted away two hundred thousand francs.

Not a bad bet, that, for a beginner—a wager of twenty dishonest francs and a not particularly valuable skin which netted two hundred thousand francs of the realm. Of course, he lost custody of that skin of his for a short period of seven months. He was entertained in the Bastille at the expense of the French Government for that length of time. But he was well fed, he was securely situated, and he had managed to save one hundred thousand francs out of the expense of his trial. Accordingly he had won, and won well.

Francois Blanc, the waiter, had taken the first step toward his place in the sun. And he had accomplished what most gamblers dread—he had won his first bet.

As the great gray gates of the Bastille closed behind Blanc seven months later he stood once more in the streets of Paris facing an uncertain future. In his hip pocket, however, he had the fat little roll of bills which was to be the beginning of his first million. Nurtured himself by greed and avarice, what more natural than that he should turn his narrow eyes toward greed and avarice for his livelihood? This he did.

At Homburg, in Bavaria, he was informed, a gambling concession might be established. The local situation was ripe for such an operation and, of course, all Europe was waiting to throng to an attractive resort. To Homburg went Francois Blanc, the waiter, and with his treasured funds and with that zeal and energy which ever characterized his life, he found a magnificent casino and called the world to come and play. This was the second of the fortunate ideas which were to shape his life so well.

He prospered. He sat back and watched his fortune grow. His fame spread abroad over Europe. The gentility flocked to his tables and rubbed elbows with the demimonde. Famous gamblers heard the call and came to try their luck. Everyone had a pleasant time. It was all very amusing. But the outgoing trains rarely carried away a sou that belonged to Francois Blanc. There was quite simply, a competent percentage in favor of the dealer.

But one day, upon the quiet, almost unobtrusive entrance of a tall man in a deep black cloak, there was an unusual stir in the gaming rooms. Of firm chiseled face was he, with heavy eyebrows and an arched mustache. Without a gesture he took a chair at the first table and carelessly bet the highest stake allowed. Rumor ran twisting through the excited rooms and finally found its way to Francois Blanc in his secluded office. Without a word Blanc strode straight to the table and, displacing the croupier, sat down to match his thousands against the skill of this intrepid stranger. It was Fernando Garcia, most famous gambler in Europe, who had come to play.

In the gambling houses of the

world they still talk about that first meeting between Garcia and Blanc—"first", because they were to meet later at Monte Carlo and there was to be a different ending to the game. But this time Garcia had the luck. The hopping, spinning little white ball followed his bets with remarkable precision. Packed into a dense crowd, Garcia, gazing calmly through the smoke haze of his cigarette, directed his play. Across the board Blanc, trembling now at the enormity of his losses, guided the wheel with shaking hand.

For three days the play continued. At the end of that time Garcia had won 3,000,000 francs—\$600,000. Blanc, nearing the end of his resources, rushed to Paris and by furious bargaining and pleading, raised more capital and hurried back to Homburg, only to find that, in the night, Garcia had silently departed with his winnings. Rarely is a man able to leave the table when luck is smiling upon him. But Garcia seemed, then, to be the exception.

"From this day on", he said, "I quit".

Blanc was, of course, furious. "He will come back", he remarked; "they always do".

And Garcia did. But that story comes later. It was at this time that Monsieur Blanc, stirred by repeated reports to the effect that his gambling concession in Homburg was to be canceled, began to look around for a more secure world to conquer. His eye fell upon Monte Carlo, then a bleak and desolate rock in a paltry and poverty-stricken municipality. Having surveyed the ground carefully and having disregarded the general opinion that he was rushing in where even fools would fear to tread, Blanc began the erection of the present Monte Carlo. This was the third fortunate idea which came to the ex-waiter and made him millionaire and Prince of Chance.

Once again he plunged. Taking his entire capital in hand he slapped it on the bare rock of Monaco—to win. He called upon French architects, Scotch landscape gardeners, decorators and artisans of every race. He built a magnificent casino, churches, palatial hotels, and all the paraphernalia of a glittering resort dedicated to the whimsical god of luck. He risked everything. He bet like mad. Temporary defeat quickened him; momentary success intoxicated him. With the gesture of the born gambler he swept his entire fortune down to the last sou onto that one number—MONTE CARLO. And when the wheel of fate had spun, and when Time, the grim croupier, had counted out all the bets—Francois Blanc had made his greatest winning. In his made little principality by the blue sea he stood all-powerful, fabulously wealthy, and the true son of gamblers' fame.

Then Garcia came back. True, he had not meant to, had fought against the ceaseless craving which, once entered into the spirit of man, grows like a gnawing thing in his vitals until at last it breaks forth in the most reckless splurge of all. So he was back, this made gambler Garcia. And Francois Blanc, the little ex-waiter, now the important proprietor of the great Casino, came himself, replacing the croupier, as once before, to match his thousands against the skill of this stranger, Garcia.

There they sat, long sworn enemies, each seeking the other's ruin. Garcia—old, wrinkled, bent like mon-

ey, parchment skin hanging in droop-

ing folds from his long face, his slender brown hands quietly placing the stakes upon the little-squared-in numbers. Blanc—outwardly smiling, cool, nerveless, with his pert moustache and his gleaming eyes; but inside himself, fearful for the last time, for the last time timid—still the waiter.

The wheel spun, the clicking little ball of white ivory hopped nimbly over the spokes, each time with thousands on its back. The crowd about the table murmured and whispered as it edged nearer the green cloth. The droning monotone voice of the croupier carried inevitably on in the listless air: "Faites vos jeux, messieurs et mesdames". Garcia tossed a chip to a page for luck. Blanc was mesmerized by the spinning wheel. The croupier droned: "Rien ne va plus".

It was over at last. Garcia left the tables without a sou. Blanc sat back in his secluded office and smiled the smile of final victory over his bitter enemy, over chance, over all the greed and avarice of men which had made him powerful. There had been, as usual, a percentage in favor of the dealer.

Only once more did Garcia ever return to the casino. He had borrowed ten francs from a chambermaid. The gendarme at the door was explicit.

"My orders", he said, "are not to admit you to the rooms again, monsieur".

There was, you may be sure, a Madame Blanc. She had been a servant girl in Homburg, where the reputation of being an eminent financier had cleansed Francois Blanc of his prison scars. This choice young lady had been—what shall we say?—an admirer of the famous gambler. And one day she had walked into his private office and offered him her hand in marriage—a strong right hand, at that precise moment clutching a revolver.

Blanc had not hesitated. The church, fortunately, was near at hand.

And now, at Monte Carlo, he had cause to realize that no spin of the wheel had ever been so kind to him as was that chance which made him a husband by force. For, this former servant girl took charge of the magnificent Hotel de Paris at the resort and by a deal of hard work and not a little of pure genius converted it into as respected an hostelry as graced the Continent. She managed it well. The gambler temporarily out of funds was never pressed for his bill—if Madame felt sure there was more money to come from home. Her sympathy and kindness to visitors was no mean factor in the process of detaining the goose until the operation of plucking had been completed.

But Madame Blanc (remarkable woman!) had her ambitions. Wealth was hers; but not, it is necessary to add, position. Why it is that the gentry have a distaste for those who have risen splendidly from the kitchen sink has never been fully determined, even in America, where the kitchen undoubtedly have it. So that Madame Blanc was not received into what had the temerity in Monte Carlo to call itself "the best society". The Prince of Monaco showed a peculiar wariness to the ambitious pursuit of Blanc's energetic spouse. And the lesser titles who were ever eager to crowd the gaming rooms always developed prior engagements when a party chez Blanc was announced.

However, the worst was yet to come. The army of Monaco refused to salute her. In tears she informed her husband of this gross insult. And Francois, always capable, discharged the army and hired a new one. (This procedure required merely a change in fifty employees). To this day the Casino supports the military. Not to mention the churches which preach against it and the theatres which draw crowds from it. This ex-waiter, you see, know how to be magnanimous—if it paid.

Realizing at last that social pretension was for her an impossibility, Madame Blanc made up her firm little mind, that her daughters, of whom there were two, should be well married. And by well married she meant royalty! Accordingly, the wheels of this new game were set spinning. An advertising manager was hired in the form of a woman who guaranteed to corral Princes at ten thousand francs per. Her final bill was twenty thousand even.

The two new members of the family founded by an ex-waiter and an ex-cook were Prince Roland Bonaparte of France and Prince Constantine Radziwill of Wurtemberg.

Thus was the life of Francois Blanc climaxed. In his unprecedented rise he must have outdone even his own ambitions. For on that long-past day when he had his first ambitious idea, when he plunged his pny twenty francs and his worthless skin on the Paris Stock Exchange, little could he have imagined the position he would occupy a few years later. If this man ever had dreams they must have all come true. If he ever nourished hopes they must all

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have bloomed and blossomed before his very eyes. He could not have hoped for anything in life which was not eventually brought by humble servitors of the god of luck and laid at his feet. When Francois Blanc quit the world, he left his wife in possession of the wealthiest gambling casino known to the modern world; he left his daughters married to Princes; and he left in cold cash four million dollars. Who can dispute that there is a percentage in favor of the dealer?

He has been dead now thirty years, has Francois Blanc. Still, after the day's play is through, the lights are out, and all the frenzied crowd has gone away, and the echo of madness has been hushed, perhaps then the shade of Francois Blanc comes flitting back to pace those darkened rooms. Perhaps he stops before the table where the play has been the highest and perhaps he studies carefully the wheel, the cloth, the position of the chairs, as in flesh he studied them when Garcia sat down opposite. Nothing escapes those ghostly eyes—stooping, he picks up a five-franc chip someone has dropped there and forgotten. A weird sigh of satisfaction as he put it in the pocket of his shabby coat. Then, snacking his lips in silent satisfaction, he trudges off into the shadows. Still the soul of a waiter!

### The Parched Woods of Missouri

Journeying in the southern part of the state, one sees strange woodland scenes. Here and there are trees, and whole groups of trees, whose leaves are entirely dead. The tops of others are blazed with brown. Most numerous on hilltops, promontories and forest borders, they attract the eye in the surrounding greenery, and diminish as the traveler goes north.

It is as if the effects of autumn were felt prematurely while summer's heat is still intense, transforming many trees to October's colors of red and brown, withering their leaves, practicing in particular regions of the woods the artistry that is soon to change their entire dress and appearance. Yet there could be no mistake as to the cause of this untimely coloring. The dead leaves of early September, often covered with dust from fields or roadways, are plainly not of the happy company of leaves in autumn's brilliant cloak. Theirs is a depressing picture. The

drought, which has dried up pastures, stopped or weakened the flow of many springs, emptied many cisterns and often made it necessary to haul water over long distances, has likewise brought this change of scenery.

Perhaps some of the trees that appear to have been killed will renew their green foliage next spring when moisture freely pierces their roots, but others are surely dead. And their death is one of the meanest tricks of the drought, indicating its extremes better than the dry beds of small streams and ponds or the dryness of

roads and fields. It should also give a sharp warning against carelessness that would prove much more damaging to Missouri forests, as to those similarly affected in a number of other states. A carelessly thrown match or cigarette would send a destructive fire leaping through the forests rendered crisp and dry by long absence of rainfall.—Globe-Democrat.

Roger Bailey went to Oxford, Ind., Saturday. He and Mrs. Bailey will return home this week.

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